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WHAT A WAY TO SAY HELLO!!

Eph. 1:1-2

I. Greetings are often peculiar to local areas.

A. Here we say, "Hi, Fellas."

B. West of the Miss., like the little lady cleaning our Rodway Room in Colo. Springs asked, "Would you guys like us to clean the bathroom?" I looked for the Mafia - never having heard Betty called a "guy."

C. In N.T. time greetings were "funny."

Eph. 1:1-2 "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God"

II. Purpose of this lesson is twofold: (1) See what Paul said, (2) Ask how may we apply it today.

A. 1st let's see the writer; (then we'll see the receiver of the letter & lastly the greeting).

1. Paul.

2. An apostle of Jesus Christ.

(a) His claim to fame - apostle.

(1) One sent.

(2) One c a mission & commission.

(4) One c authority.

(b) Believed he was a co-worker c God - thus dignity added to his work.

(c) Claim to fame his relationship c Jesus not his experience, knowledge or gifts.

Rom. 1:1 "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called

3. By the will of God.

(a) Was he amazed God called him?

(b) Such attitude would take away pride.

(c) We see in this the humility a servant must have & the confidence he must exercise born of his

rightful authority.

(d) We'd best listen to what apostles have to say!
Gal. 1:11-12 "But I certify you, brethren, that the ge

(e) He holds office by will of God - not self impose

B. The addressed.

1. Saints.

(a) People set apart.

(b) Originally word didn't embrace moral qualities.

(c) Called the language of "charitable presumption.

(d) Chr. sanctifies common courtesies of life.

(e) Paul sought saints among the living; not the dead.

2. At Ephesus.

(a) Barclay says all Chr. have two addresses: local |
in the world (Ephesus) & divine (in Christ).

(b) Ephesus was focal center of idolatry - yet saints there.

(c) Spiritual states not dependent on physical conditions.

(d) Man not a creature of circumstances.

3. Faithful in Christ.

(a) Faithfulness vital.

(b) "In Christ" means He's the sphere of our existence.

(c) Jesus was source of their faithfulness & strength.

(d) In Christ 33 X in NT.

C. The Greeting.

1. Grace.

(a) World of charm.

(b) Always describes a gift which one couldn't obtain for himself.

(c) Grace & Peace like Mother & Daughter.

(d) Chr. not a toll road to Heaven, it's free.

2. Peace.

(a) Never negative like absence of trouble or hardship.

(b) But positive - everything that pertains to man's good.

(c) It's all that makes life worth living.

(d) Doesn't depend on outward circumstances.

3. From God our Father & the Lord Jesus Christ.

(a) Only one source of peace & grace - doing Heaven's will.

(b) God & Jesus equal.

(c) Father by adoption & new birth.

(d) Some have accused God of burning c anger toward world until Jesus came to rescue it - not so!

Jn. 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

I Pet. 5:10 "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Jesus Christ, shall himself perfect all grace in you, as soon as he shall have manifested himself."

John 1:17 "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

III. My application.

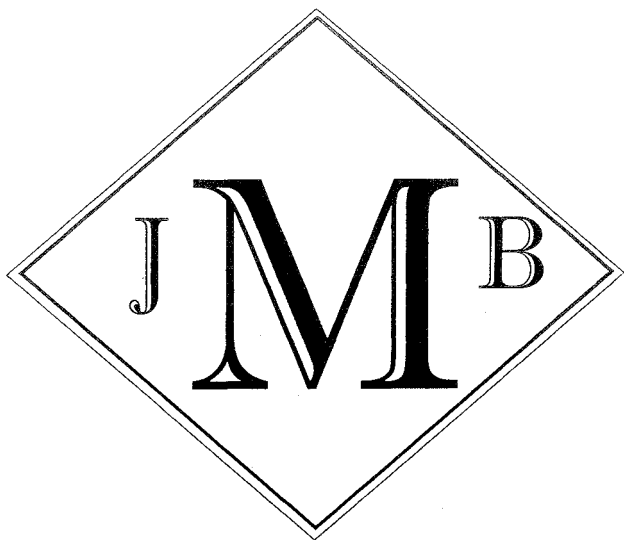
A. Do I have a task - mission - goal - what is it?

B. Am I a saint where I am?

C. Am I faithful in Christ?

D. Do I count grace & peace precious commodities?

Wesley End 9-1-74



THE WORK OF GOD IN MY BEHALF

Ephesians 1:3-6

- I. Suppose you wanted to make a speech, especially emphasizing Jesus; and you knew --
 - A. One writer that mentions him 164 times (Paul)
 - B. One long sentence that mentions him 12 times
 - C. Same sentence that has as its key "in Christ"
 - D. In this sentence as W. T. Hamilton said,
"each that crowds on the one before and each thought naturally leads to the one that follows." And this sentence shows Trinity relationships:
 - v. 3-6 What God did in Christ
 - v. 7-12 What Christ did himself
 - v. 13-14 What the Holy Spirit does to compliment the work of Christ - and each part ends with the same chorus "to the praise of his glory.
 - E. And the benefits of this doxology is called the Hymn of Praise for the Redemptive work of the Trinity.
 - F. I ask where would you go other than Eph. 1: 3-14 for source material for this speech?
 - G. There is a great need for my affirmation of the joys and meanings of being "In Christ"
 1. J. B. Priestly, British novelist, when asked about his faith said, "we deny better than we affirm."

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2. The world says there is little I need to believe to be a Christian--the less I believe the better.
 3. Priestly further said, "now is the time for a great affirmation."
 4. So we turn to one of the N.T.'s most positive books for our study of "In Christ." (To survey properly put instrument at point of beginning.)

II. 1st What Does God Do In Christ

v. -3 "Blessed be the God and Father

A. "Blessed"

1. Two Gk words for blessed
 - (a) One - happy, prosperous
 - (b) Other - to speak well of same root for our "eulogize"
2. It's the latter word.
3. It's used exclusively about God in the N. T.
4. God is worthy of praise

B. God & Father

1. Father and Son refer to each other as deity.
Heb. 1:8 "But unto the son, he saith, Thy throne
2. We do well to so ascribe

C. Things in Christ

1. All Spiritual Blessings
 - (a) All - none out of Him. All that the Father, Son and H.S. can bestow are found here.

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- (b) In Christ all available but not all utilized.
 - (c) Blessing thru Christ - not Diana of the Ephesians
 - (d) Note they are Spiritual
 - (1) Not so much source but nature of them.
 - (2) Reality of what they are not source or conduit of reaching us.
 - (3) World gets excited about physical - God given spiritual emphasis.
 - (4) Rockefeller was asked how much money it takes to satisfy a man and he ans. "Just a little bit more"
 - (5) Carnegie, "The kept dollar is a stinking fish; the man who dies rich dies disgraced."
 - (6) Of Vanderbilt parties a guest said, "nothing but gaiety and grief."
 - (7) World's full of radio waves but have to have tuned receiver to get them - so with the spiritual.
 - (8) Let the spiritual be above the material!
 - (e) Located in heavenly places
 - (1) Lit. "in the heavnelies"
 - (2) Used 5 times in Eph. no where else.
 - (3) What's the significance?
 - (a) Religion of origin and utterance - heaven

- (4)
- (b) Shows here and now; think there
I'm blessed
 - (c) While on this earth I'm already
enjoying fortaste of heaven
 - (d) Heavenlies remind me of the as-
cended Christ
 - (e) I've got a bit of heaven in me right
now.
 - (f) Can't get blessings ny higher up -
God's heaven.

2. I'm Chosen

- (a) According=conformity with the facts
- (b) God chose us first
- (c) How can God choose and still offer us a
choice?

Jn. 6:44 "No man can come to me

Matt. 11:28 "Come unto me all ye

- (d) Good news offered us - we must respond.
- (e) Chose = called out
- (g) "Anything that denies God's right to take
the initiative or denies man's responsibili-
ty to respond is an unbalanced position."
-- Brisco

- (h) "Nothing God planned interferes with
human freedom--Nothing humans do
frustrate God's sovereign plan" --Richard
Halverson

(5)

- (i) "Election is not blind destine - it's God taking the initiative"--Hobbs
- (j) No after thought to save man - God always knew what in love he'd need to do.
- (k) Man's a person, not a puppet.
- (l) When? Before Fd of the World
 - [1] Fd. = to throw down
 - [2] Brot material existence where there was none before.

Heb. 11:3

- [3] Bible uses Kosmos - world, apt, harmonious arrangement.
- [4] Gk. used choas - angels not happy over choas

Job 38:6-7 "Morning stars sang together

- (m) Why? Before him - holy - w/o blame.
 - [1] Before him from down, in, to see down
 - [2] Penetrating gaze as God knows innermost geing.
 - [3] Before him - judged by God, not man.
- (n) Holy
 - [1] Different, separated from world.
 - [2] Barclay said early Christian so different might be killed - knew he'd be hated.
 - [3] Holiness great characteristic of God-wants you to demonstrate same.
 - [4] God chose us to be different from others as a temple is different from other bldg
 - [5] Wholeness - put to proper use.

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(o) W/o blame.

[1] Sacrificial animal w/o blemish.

[2] All of life must be such I can offer to
God w/o blame.

3. I'm adopted.

(a) Predestination a hard word

[1] Choses a group

Acts 10:34-35

Rev. 22:17

[2] Lit. to mark off in advance

[3] Boundry with a limit

(b) Adopted

[1] Take one outside family and give
family status, vs.

[2] Take one already in the family (born)
and place in a position of recognition.

[3] Lit. placing as sons

[4] Leave one family and take another.

[5] Adopted kids are wanted folk.

Gal. 4:7

[6] Those who accept Jesus become God's
children

[7] It pleased God for this to happen--else
it would not of

[8] All a movement toward God and ter-
minates in union with him.

John 1:12

(c) Accepted in the Beloved

[1] God's always loved his son.

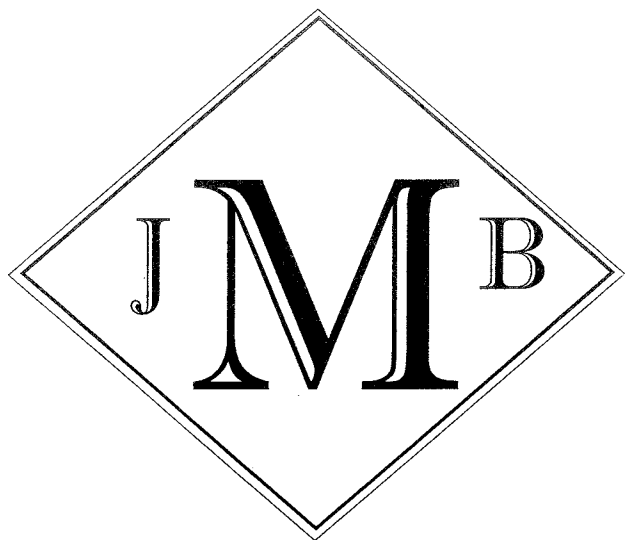
[2] No feeling of rejection as Sis. Manker

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did eating at Quail Creek Club with
with Bill Teague-"won't know how to
act with professional people." After
all over - "gets fun."

III. What then do I have from God via Christ?

- A. All Spirtual blessings
- B. Selection - chosen
 - 1. Before Foundation
 - 2. Be holy; w/o blame
- C. I'm adopted
- D. I'm accepted - only in Christ



EVERY CHRISTIAN IS WEALTHY

Eph. 1:15-19

I. We hear so much discouraging.

- A. "It's hard to soar c eagles when you have to work c turkeys." *Inflation #1 & 1 1/2*
- B. Economy is terrible - must cut back in every phase
- C. More bankruptcy than since depression time.

II. All of this is because we've got our sights set on the wrong thing. *Fatty Green #2*

- A. You are rich!
- B. You have boundless wealth brought by the energie of God.
- C. Shall we study the truth that declares it?

Eph. 1:15-19 "Wherefore I also, after I heard of your

III. Wealth & Energy of God.

- A. 1st, Paul noted the reputation of folk that were rich - I need the same if such riches are mine.

1. Heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus.

a.) Sounds like Col. 1:4.

b.) Really trusted the Lord. *Hemingway #3*

c.) Key - In Christ.

2. Heard of your love.

a.) Faith expresses itself in love.

b.) Agape = no sacrifice too great for the loved one

B. It moved him to Pray.

1. Not a general but a specific prayer.

2. Note its individual remembrance.

3. Note it's not when he got bad news, but when he got good news.

4. Observe:

a.) There are many prayers in Eph.

b.) Prayers index our values.

d.) He did much of his work via intercessory prayer.

5. Qualities of his prayers:

a.) Ceaseless.

b.) Thanksgiving.

(1) Grateful for his brethren. *Smiley - Ges Con 1*

(2) 26 X uses thanks.

c.) To God - of our Lord Jesus & the Father of Glor

(1) Reverence.

(2) God - origin of glory.

C. The Petitions of the Prayer.

1. Give unto the Spirit of Wisdom.

a.) Not the Holy Spirit - tho there are 7 spirits.

Isa. 11:2 "And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon hi

b.) But a deepening desire to know!

c.) Wants a richer spiritual growth for them.

d.) Was not one of eccentricities, esoteric experier or subjective ones.

e.) But there is dimension in spiritual growth.

f.) It's all practical.

g.) If Bible seems dull, start praying about it. *Cruswell logic #5*

2. Give Revelation in the Knowledge of Him.

a.) Above "Know thyself", it's "Know thy Lord."

b.) Have deeper acquaintance c Jesus.

Prov. 9:10 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of w

c.) Wanted them to have the spirit or disposition of wisdom, plus greater knowledge of Jesus & the church.

d.) Know God more thoroughly.

- e.) Wants accurate, full knowledge.
 - f.) Criswell cards. *# 6 Music*
 - g.) Boy asked granddad why studying the Bible so hard - preparing for final exams.
3. Eyes of your understanding being enlightened.
- a.) At various times we say, "I see it" - whether a site or a truth.
 - b.) Body, mind, soul has eyes. *G.W. Carver*
 - c.) We need to pray people will see the truth.
 - d.) Truth moves from head to heart.
 - e.) Heart = intelligence & emotion.
 - f.) Eye of soul only here - architect sees a bldg. c eye of the soul.
4. Know the hope of his calling.
- a.) Hope - a driving force.
 - b.) Geo. Watts portrayed hope as a blindfolded woman sitting on top of world playing on the one string left on her lyre.
 - c.) Tennyson, "The mighty hope that makes us men"
 - d.) Great goal toward which can work.
5. Riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saint
- a.) Boundless. *Rev. by Stearns # 9/13*
 - b.) He shares.
 - c.) He puts it in his saints and he does it by the following method.
6. Exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believing according to the working of his mighty power! *Strong*
- a.) Paul proud of being a Christian.
 - b.) Not just enuf to keep name on church roll, but real work accomplished.

- c.) God scales down His power to work in us.
- d.) We are not lost in a meaningless routine of events - All work together for our good.
- e.) Rigor mortis cannot set in!
- f.) Great ans. to fear - no inadequacy - won't run out.
- g.) Uses great words: *Twain's Gull & Eggs*
 - (1) Power - Dunamis. *Washington #9*
 - (2) Working: energeia.
 - (3) Strength - Kratos.
 - (4) Might - ischus - great inherent strength. We get autocrats & democracy from it.
- h.) Power is in us - Not up in Heaven some place.
- i.) Never a power shortage like that silver balloon that got loose & shut down the World's Fair.
- j.) Blaikie Card. *#10*

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JAMES DENT: "A teacher asked her junior high school civics class for definitions of inflation and was struck by the answer of one girl who said, 'Inflation is when you ask for money to buy something and when you get it, it isn't enough'."

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GIVING

If you bought a house five years ago for \$40,000, to maintain that same buying power today, you must sell it for \$58,280. If five years ago you made \$1,000 a month, you must get \$1,457 today to have the same money you were getting then.

If five years ago you gave \$100 a Sunday in the contribution, today you must give \$145.70 to be giving the same to the church. \$50 per week then would be \$72.85 now.

--U.S. News and World Report

Hetty Green was born in New Bedford, Mass. in 1835. She inherited a substantial fortune upon her father's death. Managing her investments shrewdly she eventually built her father's estate to over 100 million dollars. Among financiers she was known as the Wizard of Wall Street.

Yet for all her riches Hetty Green lived the life of a pauper. While she and her two children resided in Vermont, her son broke his leg. Hetty did not call a doctor—the expense was too great, she felt—and instead took him to the charity hospital where she passed herself off as a beggar. Unfortunately the condition of the son's leg worsened and it became necessary to amputate the leg. Hetty had the operation performed in her rooming house, to save the hospital fees.

In her later years she lived in an unheated tenement and subsisted on a diet of cold eggs and onions to spare the cost of heating her food. She wore newspapers for underpants, and allowed only the lower half of her petticoats to be laundered.

All the while her fortune grew. At her death she was worth \$125 million.

As an English professor, I frequently teach the works of Ernest Hemingway, who once said, "I live in a vacuum that is as lonely as a radio tube when the batteries are dead, and there is no current to plug into."

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45 The Big Smiley Face

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It may seem like a good idea to smile up - then

It was about ten degrees above zero and five inches of snow covered the ground when the young motorist ran out of gas. He walked six blocks to a station, bought a can of gas, and walked back to his stalled car. As he poured the gas into his tank, he turned the can all the way up to get the last drop: on the bottom of the can someone had painted a big smiley face.

The disgusted young motorist probably didn't feel like it, but he couldn't help but laugh. Admittedly, there are times when it is hard to keep a good sense of humor, especially when we have created our own problems.

For the Christian, humor is an important element of character. Sir Herbert Tree said, "A sense of humor is a test of sanity."

As a college student, it will be much easier to successfully cope with your problems and difficult situations if you possess the gift of laughter.

THOUGHT

Cultivate a sense of humor as an invaluable asset.

John L. May

The Greeks played around with logic and with metaphysics and loved doing it. An author named Zeller wrote a book called "Outlines of Greek Philosophy." In that book he presents a Greek sophist by the name of Gargius. By metaphysics Gargius proved that motion is impossible--logically, reasonably, intellectually. First, a thing cannot move from where it is because if it does, it is not there. Second, a thing cannot move from where it is not; that is obvious. And third, where it is, and where it is not are the only possible places that there are. Therefore, a thing cannot move. Now one can think about that forever. That is logic.

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Look at this for a moment. Whatever noise music is, whatever sound music is, one can mathematically write it out. One can put it on a screen and see it in picture frame. The wave lengths and the overtones can be presented by mathematical formulae. But one can read those formulae forever and read those mathematical equations world without end and still not know music. The way to know sound is to sit and listen to a glorious oratorio or to a great anthem of praise, and then one will know what it is like. One must experience it in epignosis.

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In a makeshift laboratory at Tuskegee Institute, George Washington Carver took in his hand the lowly peanut and prayed, "Tell me, Great Creator, why did you make the peanut?" (119)

Much, to the amazement of the world, Carver went on to extract from it milk, cereal, soaps, face creams, salads, vinegar, butter, paints, dyes, shampoos, and a hundred other useful items.

In the laboratory of God's earth, lowly man should pray, "Tell me, Great Creator, why did You make me?"

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A document which is alleged to have come into the possession of a Field Director of the American Security Council in the 1960s illustrates this in an almost prophetic way. Entitled 'Revolution by Stealth' it listed the objectives of atheistic communism in western civilization which could be achieved without resort to arms. Some of these were as follows: (75)

Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio and TV. Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them 'censorship' and 'a violation of free speech and free press.' Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce. Gain control of key positions in radio, TV and motion pictures. Present homosexuality, degeneracy, and promiscuity as 'normal, natural and healthy.'

Revelation 18:24 "Taking the life of the man every" 1/16

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32 Inner Worth

Handwritten signature

A man's heart deviseth his way (Prov. 16:9).

In Mark Twain's *The Gilded Age*, Colonel Sellers put a candle inside his ornate glass-doored stove to make it look as if the stove was generating heat. However, no matter how close Colonel Sellers' guests got to the beautiful stove, they remained cold because there was no warmth. So it is with college students who are only splashy show.

Outward appearance is no substitute for inner worth, which generates sincere warmth. The intangibles of sincerity, compassion, kindness, and Christian attitudes will outlast any dressing up of the outward appearance.

Aesop, in one of his fables, tells of a swallow and raven arguing as to whom was the most beautiful. The raven ended by saying, "Your beauty is but for the summer, but mine will stand many winters."

Aesop's moral: Durability is better than show.

May your real worth come from your heart, and not from a thin, attractive veneer.

THOUGHT:

Be more than outward show

No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the ⁴¹⁹ Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of man more than these of the United States.

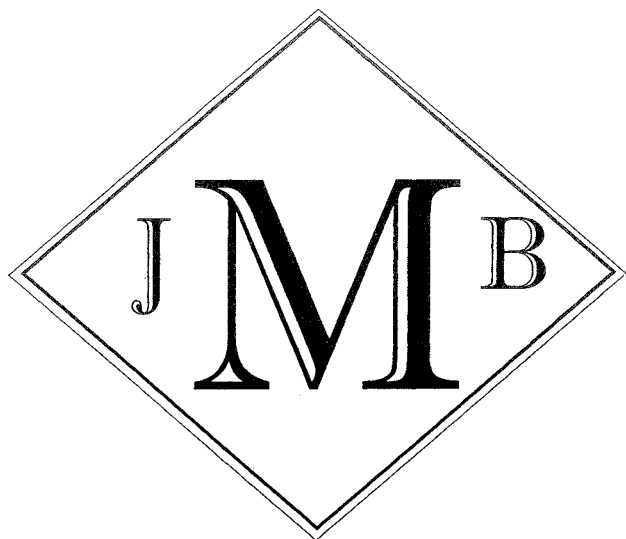
Every step by which we have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency.

Geo. Washington 1st Inaugural Address

"The whole energy of the divine Being is turned on to our ⁴¹⁹ feeble, languid nature, vivifying, purifying, and transforming it, making it wonderfully active where all was feebleness before, as the turning on of steam wakens up a whole mass of inert machinery" (Blaikie, p. 7).

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JUST WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR ME?

Eph. 1:15-19

I. Perhaps weary of "what do you want for Christmas"; comes now a lasting and permanent wish.

A. As I live in a mixed relationship society and especially fellow saints have a right to ask, "Just what do you want for me?"

B. It is not "from"; but "for".

C. We have dreams for the church collectively--but in a one-on-one basis what do you want for me individually?

II. Paul Faces This With Ephesians.

Eph. 1:15-19 "Wherefore I also"

A. Let's see what he said.

B. Let's see if I voice the same legacy.

III. But I must know something of you, before I can state my dream.

A. I want for you a snow mobile--and I live in Florida???

B. I want for you an easel, brush, canvas, scenes--and I can't draw?

C. I want you to be a wonderful elder--and I'm not a Christian?

IV. Paul Knew of Whom He Spoke.

A. I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Their lives were centered in Jesus.

2. "Good account of their faith was an inducement for him to pray for them. (Scott)

3. He will pray for him an enlightened prayer.

4. Best of Christians need their fellow Christians to pray for them.
 5. He does not know these folk personally but he knows their reputation.
- B. Love Unto All the Saints
1. Faith overflows in love of man.
 2. Faith interlocks with love, thus Christian living comes.
 3. One translation has it: "your confidence in all Christ's people."
 4. Please note the "all".
- C. Consequently, he easily prays for them.
1. Brother Adair in Hill's whispered "I pray for you every night."
 2. Was he calling names of those of whom he'd heard?
- D. Prayer to the God of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory.
1. God of Jesus.

John 20:17

2. This refers to the entire nature of Christ as the true son of God.
(Ellicott)

3. Father of Glory
Father of Mercies 2 Cor. 1:3
Father of Lights James 1:17

V. The 4-Fold Things He Wants for Them
(Full content of His prayer seen).

- A. "May give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation."
1. Spirit of wisdom and insight.
 2. All in the scope of the "knowledge of him."

- a) Wants growth in their intimate knowledge of God.
 - b) It's a growing knowledge.
 - c) It's a fuller knowledge.
3. Made possible because the eyes of your understanding are enlightened.
- a) Only this method produces a perfect and thorough grasp of God.
 - b) This knowledge a foretaste of what is to come.
 - c) So let knowledge increase & abound.
 - d) Communication of this brings comfort via the enlightened understanding.
 - e) Revelation is by the word.

Ps. 110:1

- f) It's the "eyes of your heart"--seat of thought, moral judgement, feeling. (Expositor)
- g) It exceeds intellectualism.

B. That Ye May Know What is the Hope of His Calling.

- 1. Calling--our summons to salvation.
- 2. Called to the table of God.
- 3. Eternally planned for us is God's heaven.
- 4. Imperative I see the "end" as it influences my "now" actions.
- 5. I have a brilliant hope.

C. Riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

- 1. Note saints, not sinners!

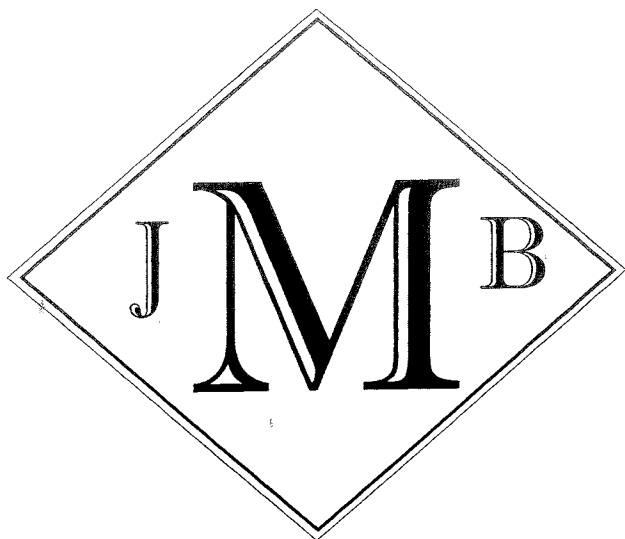
2. Do you see yourself inheriting the riches of God?
3. Old Israel had an earthly inheritance; ours is a heavenly one.
4. What value has God placed in this inheritance--really how few things of value do we have here?
5. Paul prays they may understand the glory of their inheritance.
6. One translation, "the magnificence and splendor of the inheritance promised to Christians."

D. Exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe.

1. How tremendous is this power to those who believe.
2. We have access to the working energy of God--so we plan great things!
3. It is reflected in our prayers--what do we expect of God? How big is He?
4. "How vast the resources of his power open to us who believe." NEB
5. You see it in the working of his marvelous strength, his infinite might.
6. It is incomparably great.

VI. For you then, as a proper people, I wish for you:

- A. Open eyes to give the spirit of wisdom and revelation.
- B. Knowledge of the hope of his calling.
- C. Riches of the glory of your inheritance.
- D. Exceeding greatness of the power of God at work in us.



THE EYES OF YOUR HEART

Eph. 1:15-20

I. It's hard to hold a pep rally after a funeral.

A. We often face a dilemma.

1. Story of child on Marriage & remaining single.

2. I have neither facts, face, nor facilities to refute what Batsell's said.

3. My purpose, assigned by BBB & Paul Brown, is to accept all that was said, don't give up, rejoice in what's being done, & reach to do more.

(a) James Thurslow Adams: "We cannot advance w/o experiments in living, **but** no wise man tries every day what he has proved wrong the day before."

(b) Carpenter with nail heads on wrong end.

(c) "If I said everything on my mind, I'd be speechless."

(d) White House has Oval office, so can't put anyone in a corner.

B. But I do want to join with BBB in the kindred emotions of gratitude, dissatisfaction c present, & optimistic faith in the future.

II. Let's look at what we have?

A. Educationally speaking.

1. DLC - 2400.

2. 4 HS - 2000 kids.

3. Preacher schools, Great Commission, Home Bible studies.

4. Christian Student Center - 100 kids in Bible studies last week. - *Class Ring for Faith in God*

B. Benevolent. *No longer need a College Person.*

1. Homes for the Aged.

2. Children's Homes.
3. Juvenile Court.
4. Marriage panels.
5. 72 child care institutions operated by members of the church today. AGAPE has 144 kids & 7 unwed mothers presently. 72 homes total show we care for 1 child per 750 members!

C. Congregations.

1. Baptisms last week.
2. \$100,000 given in town last wk.
3. Know plenty of Holy people.
4. Good elders, deacons, preachers.
5. Radio, TV, printed page.
6. Multiple ministries.

D. About us.

1. Warren Debate.
2. Campaigns home & abroad.
3. Greatest unselfishness in young people.
4. Bus program, Sunset Church.

D. But when we cite it all I'm brought back to the words of Jer. See Jer. 9:23-24.

III. What can we do?

A. Project a personal involvement.

1. I'm one set removed from the action--I send the check.
2. I need to be front line.
3. Every leader here needs to demonstrate his personal concern & contribution. I not only attend--but I've brought someone with me. Show Banowsky chip.

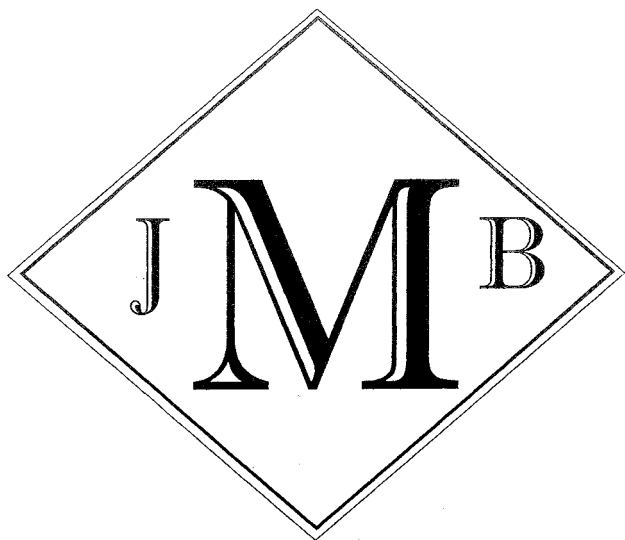
4. Let each see the power of his personality - i.e. the preacher is a very strong economic force.

B. ~~Open the eyes of my heart.~~ Mrs AM Burton

ASV Eph. 1:15-20

"For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which is among you, and the love which ye show toward all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him having the eyes of your heart enlightened that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to that working of the strength of his might which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly places."

1. Hope.
2. Glory of inheritance in saints.
3. Exceeding greatness of his power.



A 3 WHAT, 2 THAT PRAYER

Eph. 1:17-20

- I. Prayers that are public should strive for an intelligent presentation so the public can follow.
 - A. Holy Spirit going to lead God's understanding.
Rom. 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirm"
 - B. He hasn't promised to help me understand you - so do it intelligently, brethren.
- II. Paul addressed his prayer to "the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory" (Eph. 1:17).
 - A. Jesus called God Father.
Mk. 15:34 "And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a voice"
John 20:17 "Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father"
 - B. Jesus never said "Our Father" c men - tho He taught them to so pray - He's not an equal of man, neither is His Sonship like mine.
 - C. None deserve honor & glory more than God - & He's my Father.
- III. There are two That's.
 - A. That God give unto you the spirit of wisdom & revelation in the knowledge of him.
 - B. That ye may know - 3 What's hope of his calling; riches of his glory; exceeding greatness of his power.
 - C. Let's examine each.
- IV. Prayer for Spirit of Wisdom; Revelation, enlighten
- V. 17 "That the God of our Lord Jesus"
 - A. Spirit of Wisdom & Rev.
 1. Lipscomb, "Complex idea of Spirit of man dwelt in & moved by the Spirit of God thru the word of truth."

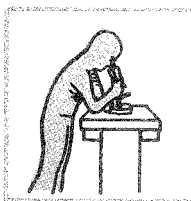
2. A growing knowledge is a most healthful feature of the Chr. life.
- 2 Pet. 3:18 "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge
3. Wants us to comprehend fully the unveiling of God in Christ. Christ is Real.
4. Yet as Hobbs points out if you could fully understand God you couldn't worship him for that would make you greater than He.
5. Be content to let God know something you don't know; yet now obey the revelation He's given you.
6. This knowledge is true, accurate, thorough, full.
7. Wisdom - deep things of God.
8. We need thinking people.
9. Who then teach what they know.
10. Let's emphasize the eternal verities; not the mundane.
11. We must keep studying; a doctor stays apace.
12. Determine to know God better every day.
13. We need to have proper spiritual disposition to receive divine truth.
14. Paul isn't asking for Holy Spirit - nor does the gift of Him provide these things w/o study.
- B. Spoke of the eyes of your understanding being enlightened.
 1. Lit. "eyes of your heart".
 2. What the eye is to the body; the heart (mind) is to the soul.
 3. Sadly, some hear so often they no longer feel.
- Deut. 32:15 "But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: th

4. Heart is seat of affection, intellect, will.
5. Wants an awakened moral perception.
6. If wisdom is general; revelation is specific.
7. Man not to be guided by own experiences but by word of God.

"And this is life eternal, that they

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orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world." (James 1:27)



**3 YEARS
BEING EDUCATED**

Lifelong study is essential if people are to keep up with a rapidly changing world. This need was underlined by Dr. Frank G. Dickey, former president of the University of Kentucky.

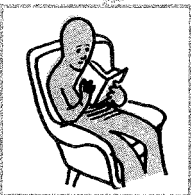
"We will be impediments to our civilization if we don't keep on learning," Doctor Dickey warned, "not just in the field of our professions but also and especially in general education."

Millions of adults - young and old - are attending night school or taking special courses to expand their knowledge and skills.

Maybe you can't continue your formal education. But you can read, watch current affairs programs and seek the advice of knowledgeable people. Don't stop learning just because you have left school.

In a democracy, the pursuit of knowledge cannot safely be limited to the few. Thomas Jefferson was a strong advocate of "the diffusion of knowledge among the people." Of it he said, "No other sure foundation can be devised, for the preservation of freedom and happiness."

Ignorance can be a lot more costly than education.

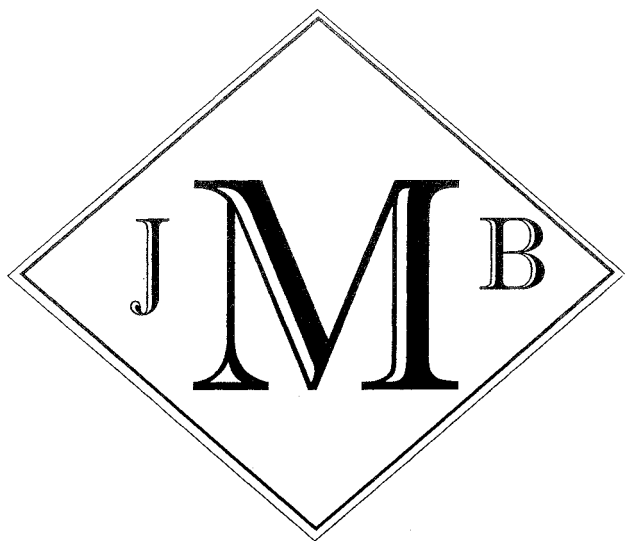


**3 YEARS
READING**

Are we becoming a nation of non-readers? Apparently not, according to one magazine.

Even with 94 per cent of all households owning television sets, U.S. consumption of reading materials is booming. Here are some figures:

In a single year, over 18 billion pounds of newsprint were used.



IN THE CROSS

Eph. 2:6

I. I crossed out many things.

II. Before citation go with me to the hour of execution.

John 19:17 "And he bearing his cross"

A. See these things.

1. "They took Jesus and led him away" (v-16).

- a) Did not receive Him in his grace but did receive him to inflict bodily harm.
- b) Left Praetorium and dragged Him into the rush of vociferating crowd. (P.C.)
- c) Intended to inflict as much insult as they could.
- d) This is all John tells about the events of the Sorrowful Way.

2. Gospels tell:

- a) Bowing beneath the burden & Simon commandeered.
- b) Daughters ~~waiting~~ *wailing*
- c) Mark "they bring him." Mark 15:22 so exhausted.
- d) Offer of the refused wine.

3. See him carry his own cross.

- a) Another way to humiliate the victim.
- b) Death by crucifixion a curse. (Gal. 3:13)
- c) Carried wood of his foster father Joseph, now wood of his true Father, God Almighty.

- c) Only John tells he bore it.
- d) Latin Furcifer = cross bearer = ignominy, contempt.

4. Place of Skull--Golgotha

- a) Carry forth outside camp.

Lu. 16:27

Heb. 13:12 "Suffered without the gate"

- b) Counted as a curse for sinners.

5. Where they crucified Him.

- a) Cross at X or a T or the Latin dagger.
- b) 4X tree as they used forked ones.
- c) Put him in the middle of thieves.
 - (1) Why not?--came to save sinners.
 - (2) King on level with criminals, another insult! Chief offender in center.
 - (3) Is he in our midst?
- d) Place of Skull--never called a hill or mount.

B. But from this event I:

1. Crossed out defeat.

1 Cor. 1:18 "For the preaching of the cross is to

Gal. 6:14 "But God forbid that I should glory"

Eph. 2:16 "That he might rec. both...1 body by the cross.

- a) He purchased my pardon.
- b) He put my feet on Heaven's road.

2. I crossed out death.

Matt. 28:5 "Fear not for I know that ye seek"

Acts 2:23-24 "Ye have taken & by wicked"

Acts. 2:36 "Let all the house of Israel"

a) He died and arose.

b) Because of it I can live.

3. I've crossed out improper values.

1 Cor. 1:23 "But we preach Christ crucified"

Gal. 6:14 "But God forbid...by whom the world

Gal. 5:24 "They that are Christ's have crucified"

a) I know right from wrong.

b) I know eternal from temporary.

4. By the cross I crossed out me.

Gal. 2:20 "I am cruc. with Christ nevertheless"

Rom. 6:6 "Our old man is cruc. with him that
the body of sin...destroyed"

a) One right now.

b) I have a different goal--I march
to a different drummer.

Gal. 6:14 "By whom the world is crucified"

5. I crossed out anxiety.

Col. 1:20 "Having made peace through the
blood by him to reconcile all things"

2 Cor. 13:4 "He was crucified through weakness
yet lives by power"

Matt. 10:38 "He that taketh not his cross"

(needs go home by the way of
the cross)

*No other way - Eight of Gates of Light
Blood sprinkled way - Path Scatter - Climb Heights
Sit low well & way ward - walk near - hold on
Opened*

About three o'clock one morning the telephone rang in Dr. George Gallup's home. Sleepily, the king of public opinion polls got out of bed and lifted the phone.

"Is that Dr. Gallup?" asked the voice at the other end. "Yes, yes. What do you want?" "I just called to tell you I've changed my mind."

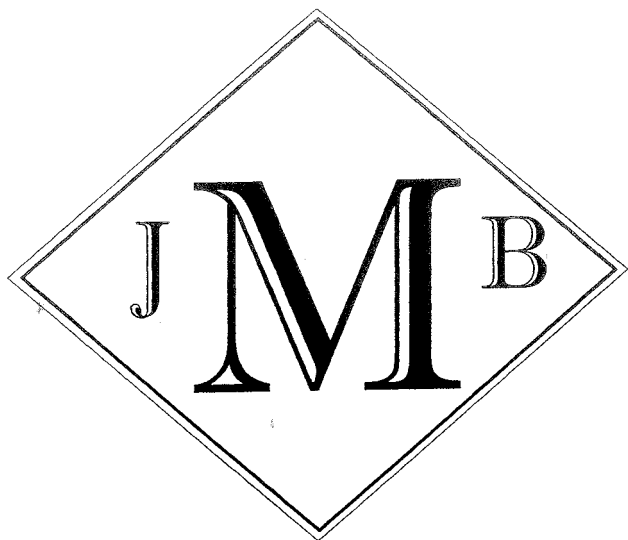
Earl Deason

Quote

"The Speake

Not our fault

In Framingham, Massachusetts, a man steals a car from a parking lot and is killed driving it. His family sues the parking lot for permitting car thefts. In Dane County, Wisconsin, a man who admits to exposing himself 10,000 to 20,000 times is turned down for a job as an attendant in a park. He sues, claiming that he has never exposed himself in a park, but only in coin operated laundries and libraries. Wisconsin officials agree he's a victim of illegal job discrimination.



SAVED BY GRACE

Eph. 2:7-10

I. When did we preach it, or not preach it?

A. When did we preach it?

1. From Pentecost, Jerusalem until this evening, preachers have proclaimed it every time they preached the gospel of salvation.
2. It may not be the subject of every sermon, but even if one spoke on marriage and divorce the grace of God undergirded it.

B. When did we not preach it?

1. Anytime when we did not care if men were lost or saved.
2. If ever hearts were so cold we had no love for the sinner, we did not preach the grace of God.
3. I truly hope that has never been!

C. That there were reasons when we of the church were more exercised with a current problem we may have allowed that anxiety to dominate but not obliterate the call to salvation.

D. For instance I've lived through various "wars."

1. Missionary Society
2. The identity of ourselves as Christian church. Disciples of Christ and church of Christ.

3. premillennialism.
4. Orphan home issue. *4 Crossroads*
5. Now instrumental music and liberalism.
6. More than likely you have a remembrance of some of this.

E. But to make my assignment more real the accusation comes that in the 30's and 40's grace was not preached. Though I do not subscribe to this slam, I'll give you the benefit of a little research I did.

II. Things that I have discovered:

A. I heard G.C. Brewer say, "We sing a better gospel than we preach."

1. Paul Brown, who studies songs as well as anyone I know, wrote me the value of his research covering a century or two.
 - a) Ancients did responsive singing.
 - b) Four-part harmony is less than 200 years old.
 - c) He examined Mark's "Praise for the Lord." It has _____ songs in it. Paul went to his hymn concordance and found 142 songs that at least once have one song about grace--if we do not skip the third stanza!

2. Perhaps you recall a favorite.

B. Lectureships are a good source of material.

1. Abilene Christian College as it was then called the 1968 Lectureship "Crowning 50 Years."

a) J.D. Thomas directed it along with nine Administrators and Faculty Members.

b) Used 31 preachers with their material in the book.

c) Norvel Young, Charles Chumley, Willard Collins, Gus Nichols, Frank Pack earlier.

d) Wesley Jones, Henry Farrar, Hardeman Nichols, George Tipps, John Gibson, Jim Bill McInteer of today.

e) Only the opinion of V.P. Black was assigned this particular subject.

f) But that does not mean grace was ignored in these 1968 speeches.

1) Quote Page 395.

2) Leonard Mullins

3) Bob Douglas

4) V.P. Black

5) J.R. Wilburn

6) George Stephenson

C. Old and new quotes:

1. "Whoever will not be ruled by the grace of God must be ruined by his wrath." -- John Wesley
2. Back of that! "Grace is in every New Testament Book except 1st and 3rd John.
3. Some quotes:

Acts 13:43 "Continue in the grace of God."

Acts 14:26 "Recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled."

Acts 15:40 "Saved by grace."

Gal. 5:4 "Fall from, detached, no life, to wither."

I Tim. 1:4 "Abound."

2 Tim. 2: "Be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

4. Bulletin - Sheridan, AR by C. Howard.

5. Paul Forshey letter.

6. Sellers Crain

7. Mark Young & John Williams - Power for Today Dec. 2008.

III. But what is the grace of God to us tonight?

A. The origin of the Word.

1. Old Greek word - charis.

2. Came from chair = rejoice.
 - a) It creates joy either in heaven or observe.
 - b) It embraces beauty--the grace of physical form.
 - c) It delights the hearers - Luke 4:22.
 - d) Aristotle that which confesses.
 - e) Guilelessness for pure joy.
 - f) It's associated with generosity, openheartedness.
 - g) It's seen as a ruler's favor.
 - h) It's the blessed condition of human life which results from divine favor.
 - i) It's loving kindness, mercifulness.
 - j) It's God's favor which is quite undeserved.
 - k) No wonder Hugh Fulford in the January issue 2009 wrote:
 "Man's obedience to God in being baptized for the remission of sins no more negates salvation by grace through faith than does repentance! Both are conditions with which one comply to be saved."
 l) Or as William Woodson, same issue, delightfully calls them "Book End" as Colossians starts

*Jim Fuld
Wood*

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with "grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Col. 1: 2), and closes with "Grace be with you. Amen" (Col. 4:18). And in between he bids us "grow in grace and knowledge."

3. Now I want us to go to perhaps the most famous statement of all, Ephesians 2:8-9.

B. My Salvation

1. Ten glorious words: Grace, saved, faith, gift, works, workmanship, Jesus Christ, God, walk.

2. Let's taste them.

Grace

- a) God's doings.

- b) Open to all without race, or *sex*

- c) Action of God on our behalf.

- d) We have that we do not deserve.

- e) We add nothing to it.

- f) Shorthand word for the whole gospel, denotes God's active and unmerited favor in Jesus Christ.

3. Saved

- a) Salvation is of the Lord -
Jonah 2:6.

*Barred from
Some people
Men's*

- b) Because of Calvary, rich in mercy (2:4), as well as grace.
- c) Glorious gift.
- d) Not of man, nor prepared or earned by man (Lipscomb).
- e) Not saved from within but without as we do not save ourselves
- f) Without salvation life's a failure.

4. Faith

- a) Medium through which we receive salvation.
- b) Through faith we have access (Rom. 5:1-2).
- c) It's the human response to God's gracious offer.
- d) None saved without faith.
- e) A sense in which we do something.
- f) Source of our salvation - God.
- Means of our salvation - faith.
- g) There is something we must do.
- h) Baptized into Jesus.
- i) Faith is our total response to God's grace.

5. Not of Works

- W. J. 16*
- a) Neither Jewish or human effort.
 - b) Not qualified as merit or Moses.
 - c) Not for boasting.
 - d) We work because we are saved.
 - e) Salvation not by them - (Titus 3:5).

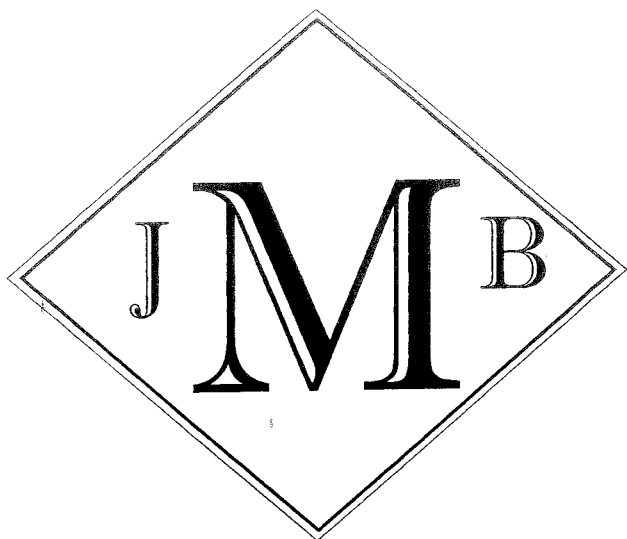
6. Workmanship

- a) Works follow salvation.
- b) God saves us so we can do good works.
- c) They are evidence of salvation already received.

7. Jesus, God, Walk

- a) God sent His Son to save us.
- b) Jesus--salvation His name.
- c) In the way of Jesus we walk the rest of our days.
- d) We accept His sacrifice.

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STEPS OF TRANSITION

Eph. 2:12 *Young - no old*
after I was a child

I. For all of us life knows its transition.

A. Child - Adolescent - Adult. *Look same but it*

B. Weak - strong - weak. *(1 Thess 1:9)*

C. We change financially, socially (sometimes connected), intellectually.

1. Charles Lamb clip on coming late.

2. Children costs. (One asked how many do you have? Seven. Family must cost a lot. We raise 'em--don't buy them.

II. Is it any wonder we change spiritually--and since we have a meeting I want to say what's happened to us can also happen to our friends we convert.

Let me tell you four stages of transition.

A. 1st, I was lost. *But now in Christ*

Eph. 2:12 "That at that time ye were w/o Christ, be

1. That's about as dismal as it could be.

Rom. 3:23 "For all have sinned

Ezek. 18:4 The soul that sinneth

2. The end is certain.

Matt. 25:46 "And these shall go away

B. Then something happened.

Rom. 1:16 "For I am not ashamed

Matt. 1:21 "And she shall bring forth

Titus 3:5-6 not by works of rt. *washing of reg*

Rom. 3:24 "Being justified freely by
(Just as if I'd never sinned.)

Frank Pack

Eph. 1:5 "According as he hath chosen

Gal. 4:4-5 "But when the fullness of *God sent forth*
John 1:12-13 "But as many as rec. *made of 2 wms*
Rom. 8:16-17 "The Spirit itself beareth
1 Jn. 3:2 "Beloved now are we the

1. From "The Search For Meaning In Life" - By
Harold Hazelp in "Spiritual Power" - Edited
by J. D. Thomas - Page 107:

In 1964, pollsters asked a sampling of West
German people for what they would be willing
to sacrifice their lives. One percent replied
that they would die for their country; 53%
affirmed that they would die for their families;
and 9% claimed they would die for such matter
of principle as religion and science. Four
percent refused to commit themselves, but a
full 45% were positive that there is no cause
in the world for which they would die.

("Parade" Magazine, Dec. 20, 1964).

Perhaps if one could find a cause for which he
would be willing to die, he would at the same
time discover a cause for which it is worthwhile
to live. Martyrdom is not really a threat for
many of us; our quest is for something or
Someone worth living for.

C. We are not "orphaned".

John 14:16-18 "And I will pray the F."

John 14:18 "I will not leave you comfortless (orphans

John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is

John 16:7 "It is expedient for you

Rom. 15:4 "For whatsoever things were

1 Jn. 4:4 "Greater is he that is

1. From "A Lover's Quarrel" by Prentice A. Meador, Jr. from "Spiritual Power" edited by J. D. Thomas, Page 288:

I am reminded of the diary of the three climbers on Mount Everest. When they reached the ten thousand feet level, one of them had broken his leg and they left him with enough food and water for a number of days. Later, all three climbers were found frozen to death. There was a diary in the hand of the man who had been left behind and he wrote this noble line, "The last time I saw them, they were still climbing." The last time we saw you, you were still climbing.

2. From "More Than Conquerors", by John Gipson from "Spiritual Power", edited by J.D. Thomas Page 173:

The victory obtained is over and above measure. To illustrate, Paul says, "we are more than conquerors." Someone has translated the greek word as "super conquerors." I like that, don't you? Lord Nelson was once engaged in a very famous battle. He met the French fleet and gloriously defeated it. In his report to the British Admiralty he said, "The word 'victory' is not a large enough word to describe what has happened today." This is exactly the way the apostle Paul feels about it when he says that

Christians are "super conquerors."

D. Eternally saved.

Lu. 10:20 "Notwithstanding in this

1. Alan Bryan told story of Dallas Church. Son killed in Vietnam - \$10,000 insurance. Broke it to church - said money was really his - he wanted his life used for Glory of God.

Finally told preacher as he spoke of letting light shine that he could tell the story. When he did, one mother turned to husband and said, "Let's us give \$10,000." Daddy snapped, "Our son's not dead!" She quietly answered, "Then let's give our \$10,000 because he lives!" Husband rushed home broke back check of \$25,000.

2. Because you lived, what will you give to save others?

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CHILDREN—Costs

Kids cost money. The average sum: \$20,000 in direct costs—food, clothing, tuition. Indirectly, a child costs the typical American family \$40,000. This is money a wife is unable to earn because of child rearing. A child, thus, puts a \$60,000 hole in the pocketbook. Each additional child is figured to cost the family \$29,000 in combined direct and indirect costs.—*The National Observer*, quoting figures supplied by the Presidential Comm on Population Growth and the American Future, 1-8-72

CONSCIENCE

CHARLES LAMB—Routine

Like so many literary greats, Charles Lamb was not suited for the daily routine of the office work he was forced to take in order to make ends meet. The office manager once said to him, "Mr. Lamb, it has been brought to my attention that you come very late to the office." "Yes, sir," replied the writer, "but you must remember that I leave very early."—*Coronet*

CHILDREN—Religion

One of our church grandmothers had accepted the challenge of taking her 2-year old granddaughter to "big church" so the child would become accustomed to at-

Quote

"TO KNOW THERE IS SOMEONE"

To know there is someone
With whom you can feel
A warm understanding
That's deep and that's real--

To know there is someone
With whom you can share
A moment of gladness,
A sorrow or care--

To know there is someone
Who cares how things go,
Can make earth a garden,
A heaven below!

"In This Beautiful World" - By Helen Farries

(From a book given me by Martha Miller)

The ladies were discussing a new neighbor who had just left their luncheon group. "Well," said one, "she seems very sweet, but—yakity, yakity, yak—I thought she'd never stop."

"Do you suppose everything she says is true?" asked another.

"Well, I should say not," snorted a third. "There just isn't that much truth!" m

Rejected by the college of his choice, the Banker's son angrily accosted his father. "If you really cared for me, you'd have pulled some wires!"

"I know," replied the parent sadly. "The TV, the Hi-Fi, and the telephone would have done for a start." n

Quote

Without question the Sunday School of your church can be the finest on going organization in Christendom for the enlistment, indoctrination, and winning of the lost. Two out of every three unsaved people enrolled in Sunday School will eventually be saved. But, only one out of every 230 people not enrolled in some Sunday School will ever be won to Christ.

"How to Build an Evangelistic Church"----John Bisagno

Chapter 41, P. 139

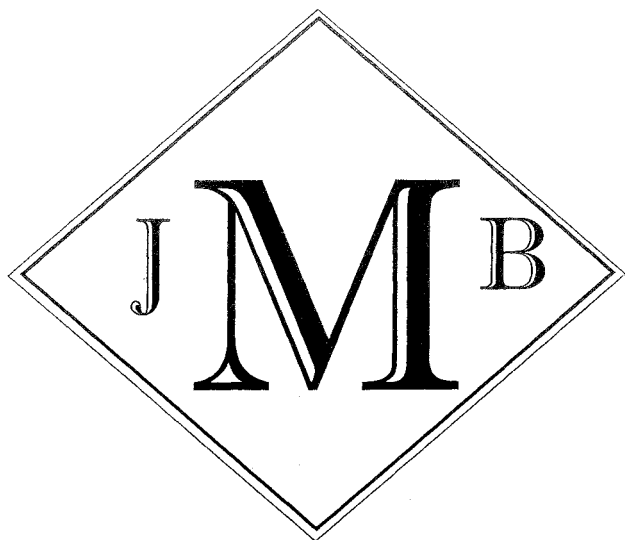
"In 1960 in Japan it took all Protestant denominations together an entire year to win one-twentieth of one day's birth rate. That means if what we believe is true, for every person we won to Christ, over 7,000 died and went to hell. In many cities in America 60 and 70 percent of the teenagers have had experiences in dope, premarital sex, drinking, and the rest. How can the church sit idly by and be swallowed up in a sea of drowning souls and not think outreach! The YMCA, the Masons, the government, none are charged with the responsibility of winning the lost to Christ. They are all about us.

"How to Build An Evangelistic Church"

John Bisagno - Chap. 6, P. 29

As long as the sinner is without God, he is without at least seven things. Without the blood of Christ, which alone can remit the past and release the sinner from the hold of sin (Heb. 9:22); without Christ, Who alone can save, sanctify and satisfy (Eph. 2:12); without peace, which alone can calm the mind and silence the conscience (Isa. 57:21); without hope, which alone can clear the vision and make the future bright with coming glory (Eph. 2:12); without life, which alone can qualify to see and enter the kingdom of God (John 3:3,5); without strength, for the sinner has no ability to rise to higher things (Rom. 5:6); and without the Spirit, for those who are not the Lord's are summed up in the destitution of their need, as "having not the Spirit" (Jude 19).

"The Structural Principles of the Bible or How to Study the Word of God" - By F. E. Marsh - Pages 143-144



THE CONDITION OF THE LOST

Eph. 2:11-13

I. Lost! It's terrifying.

- A. I've lost a tool or a recipe & can't complete my job.
- B. I've lost a pet--advertise, offer reward, search.
- C. I've lost a keepsake--Dad's watch; Mother's recipe book.
- D. We've lost a companion or friend.
 - 1. Searched for Kerce girl.
 - 2. Looked for Cruise lady who missed bus and almost the ship.
- E. I've been lost--International Bazaar--Straw Market--where is the bus--5 min. to get there.
- F. But no loss as terrifying as from Jesus.

II. Paul describes it perfectly in Eph. 2.

- A. 1st we do well to "remember," assess, evaluate.
 - 1. In Israel today.
 - a) 2X middle aged Palestinian made an outsider.
 - b) 1948 looked through barbed wire at his farm in S. Galilee that his family had farmed for generations.
 - c) 1967 displaced from refugee camps.
 - d) Any solution?
 - (1) In Christ no outsiders.
 - (2) No one can make you alien.
 - (3) Christ turns enemies into friends.

2. I need in text to keep on remembering.
3. If we ever know the joy of Christianity surely we'll never want back in our earlier condition!
4. What we were we can recall--"times past", literally "once."
5. See the utter destitution of religious life--he is not talking about the material side.

B. I was a Gentile in the flesh, uncircumcision!

1. Jews said I belonged to wrong section of humanity.
2. Term of opprobrium.
3. Bad to be a Gentile.
 - a) Could be killed in temple if went beyond balustrade.
 - b) Would not assist in childbirth.
 - c) Mixed marriage viewed as death and carried out immediate death rites.
 - d) To walk in Gentile house became unclean.
 - e) Called dogs.

Mk. 7:27-28

- f) Couldn't give good advice to one.
- g) Could not cure one even for pay except on account of fear.
4. Who was this?
 - a) One outside Jewish commonwealth.
 - b) "The Nations"--races outside Israel.

c) Bruce - Jew & Gentile estrangement stronger than any Iron Curtain.

5. Uncircumcised!

- a) Symbols do mean something.
- b) Sobriquet with Pharisee.

Lam. 2:9

Ezek. 7:26

Amos 8:11

6. Sign of Jewish exclusivism is circumcision.

- a) Mere bodily operation does no good.
- b) Contrast circumcision of flesh merely vs the Spirit & Heart.
- c) Didn't speak disparagingly of it.
- d) But outward sign must be matched by inward faith & obedience of life to the covenant.

III. The Condition of the Lost.

A. That at that time.

- 1. It's a real condition, not imaginary.
- 2. A most comprehensive description given.
- 3. 5 shattering things.

B. 5 Conditions of the Lost.

- 1. Without Christ.
 - a) Apart from.
 - b) No relations with him.
 - c) If separated from Christ you are a pagan.
 - d) Think of a world without Jesus.
 - (1) No knowledge of God.

Jn. 14:9

(2) No prophesy fulfilled.

Lu. 24:44

(3) No atonement.

Heb. 10:4

(4) No Savior

Lu. 19:10

(5) No gospel

1 Cor. 15:1-4

(6) No NT

Heb. 9:15

(7) No church

Matt. 16:16

(8) No resurrection (Hamilton)

Jn. 11:25

- e) Denied all the closeness of his blessings.
- f) Opposite of "in Christ."
- g) Had no part with Christ.
- h) Erhman says this the most significant phrase--summation of all 4.
- i) No title to the blessing of justification via Jesus.

Matt. 15:8

2. Aliens from the Commonwealth of Israel.

- a) Alien = belonging to another.
- b) Outside of circle of those who worshipped God.
- c) Not at home with people of God.
- d) The will of God was the only law in his commonwealth.
- e) Commonwealth - government.

f) Citizenship gives protection, help, honor, fellowship.

3. Strangers from the covenants of promise.

a) Strangers

- (1) W/o rights, in a foreign land.
- (2) Always treated differently.
- (3) Jews always felt this way toward Gentiles--but it really is their condition.
- (4) Not at home.
- (5) Foreign to, not sharing.

b) Covenants

- (1) Plural
- (2) One covenant often renewed.
- (3) What covenant is in science, promise in art, or gospel in commerce?
- (4) The great Messianic promise made to many.

Gen. 17:2

Exo. 6:4

Judges 2:1

Ps. 89:28

Isa. 59:21

- (5) Promise, singular--it was merely renewed.

4. No hope

- a) Your life flows on & after that the dark.
- b) Their future a night w/o a star, no word of hope on heathen tombs.

- c) Dante, "Despair of hope all ye who enter here"--above Hell's door in Divine Comedy.
- d) GK said best thing of all was not to be born, next best to die.
- e) No reasonable expectation of improvement.
- f) Sophocles, "Not to be born is past all prizing, best; but when a man hath seen the light, this is next best by far, that with all speed he should go thither, whence he hath come."

g) Catullus, famed Roman poet, wrote:

Lesbia, live to love & pleasure
 Careless what the grave may say
 When earth's moment is a treasure
 Why should lovers lose a day?

Setting suns shall rise in glory
 But when little life is o're
 There's an end of all the story
 We shall sleep & wake no more.

- h) Pessimism springs from unbelief.
- i) Hope rests on something--we have it in the resurrection and the endless life of Jesus.

5. Without God in the world.

- a) No knowledge of a saving relationship.
- b) No real knowledge of God.

1 Cor. 8:4

Gal. 4:8

- c) Life faced w/o the comfort of God.
- d) No connection with Him.
- e) We need Him so much here.
- f) Denied privilege belonging to a people expecting strength from their God.
- g) Thus step by step descend into darker depths.
- h) Christless, churchless, unevangelized, pessimist, atheist.
- i) Bad to be atheist but worse to say we believe in Him and not act like it.
- j) Only time in NT w/o God.
- k) What would you know in our world if no God?

IV. But Now--

- A. Contrasts with times past.
- B. 1st salvation then unity with all believers.
- C. In Christ Jesus.

Acts. 13:32

- 1. None excluded.
- 2. Jesus for all.
- D. Made nigh by the blood.
 - 1. Blood shows He was human.
 - 2. Blood shows sacrifice.
 - 3. Cross alters situation.

Heb. 9:22

1 Pet. 1:18-19

Heb. 9:25

Matt. 26:28

4. Nigh by blood, not proselyted.

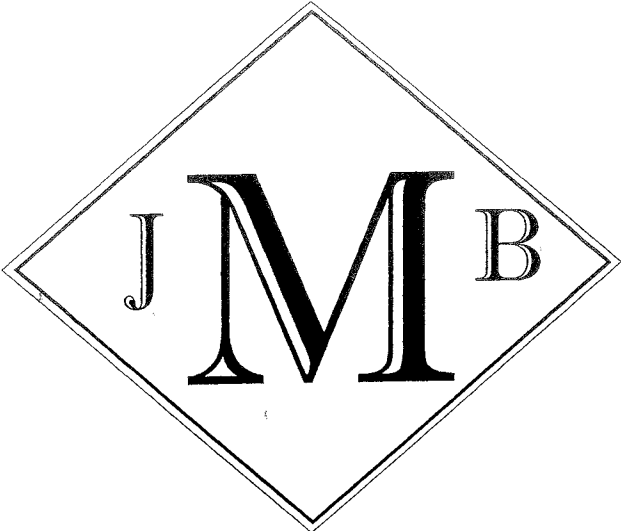
Acts 20:28

E. Christ

1. He entered into man, his experiences, yet w/o sin.
2. He and no other is our hope.
3. It takes a glorious gospel to rescue from deadly 5.

Let no stranger [i.e. Gentile] enter the
limit and enclosure of this sanctuary.
He who is caught will carry the guilt on
himself, because his death will follow.

-Chester Warren Quimby
"The Unity of Mankind", pg. 107



OUR MAGNIFICENT GOD

Eph. 3:20-21

I. Often in beginning a counselling session I'd ask, "Is your problem bigger than your God?"

A. I recall Jim Cope's theme assignment in DLC Freshman Bible-day. "Describe God."

B. Clay Pullias--4 words--omnificent, omnipotent, omnipresent, eternal, and John Pleasant asked, "God is on a what?"

C. With Paul I gain the most sublime description and with it a lofty statement about Christ and the church--who could ask for me?

D. We will examine the doxology.

Eph. 3:20-21 "Now unto him that"

II. The Component Parts

A. Now

1. Commentators seem to forget this.

2. Now--arrow of identification.

3. Now--statement of timeliness.

4. Now--imperative recognition and urgency.

B. Unto Him.

1. Purpose: explain the audacity of prayer. (Dummelow)

2. Man is a dependent creature and needs to pray a lot--will God hear? Can He act?

3. Does our indebtedness to God lead us to thanksgiving?

4. Let me sense my need; let me glory in my supply for that need.
5. The Him will be contrasted with ourselves and seeing our needs.
6. William Carey's motto, "Expect great things from God."

Ps. 55:22 "Cast thy burdens upon *Lord, Sustain*

7. We believe in God! *Never suffer the L.*

C. That Is Able! *to be moved*

1. "Adapted to strengthen our faith that we stagger not at great things the Apostle has been praying for." (Wesley)
2. Can we ask for more than he can do?
3. "There is an inexhaustible fullness of grace and mercy in God which the prayers of all the saints can never draw dry." (Henry)
4. Glory in the boundless reach of God's power. (Vaughn)
5. Ability passages.

Rom. 16:25 "Now to him that is of *stablish* power to"

Jude 24 "Now unto him that is able" *trailing truths*

Job 42:2 "I know that thou canst do every thing"

2 Tim. 1:12 "I know whom I have believed"

2 Cor. 9:8 "God is able to make all grace"

D. To Do!

1. One thing to have it (power)-- another thing to exercise it. For instance we've the money to have the church do what it needs to do if only we'd give it.

2. God is able and Does!

- a) Ability is coupled with his willingness. (Clark)
- b) We sing "Great Things He Has Done."
- c) He's omnipotent--ever ready to exert himself for us.

Phil. 4:6 "Be careful for nothing: but in"

- d) His manner of working is constant.
- e) I worship a God who acts.

E. How Much Can He Do?

1. "Exceeding abundant"

- a) Immeasurably more used here and:

1 Thess. 3:10 "Night & day praying exceedingly

1 Thess. 5:15 "But ever follow that which"

- b) God's capacity to meet our needs far exceeds anything we can request in prayer. (Expositors)
- c) You ask for pardon, support, wisdom, protection--it comes.
- d) Thinking of God is like thinking of space--however far our concepts may travel, there is still infinity beyond. (PC)
- e) So small our vision, so comprehensive is His. (Elwell)

2. Above all ask or think.

- a) Paul uses above 3 times more often than rest of NT writers--shows the warm exuberance of his spirit.

- b) "Paul is anxious that saints carry all the voltage of God's almighty power they are capacitated to carry." (Bell)
- c) "The possible with God will always be greater than the actual." (P.C.)
- d) "The all shows God will not withdraw his hand--one act of liberality toward us does not exhaust him." (Calvin)
- e) We say after an effort or two "I'm through."
- f) "Ask"
 - (1) "Exhaust the power of language then stretch the imagination." (Simeon)
 - (2) No limit to his power--only to our language.
- g) "Think"
 - (1) We may think more than we ask--he is able to do that too.
 - (2) Think = understand.
 - (3) Thought takes a wider range than prayer.
 - (4) Stretch your thoughts
Enlarge your desires
Multiply your petitions
God is there to meet it.

F. According to the Power that worketh in us.

1. In my life is anything going on? Do I truly have a God to praise by virtue of what He has done for me?

2. If the extra voltage is commensurate⁵ of what is already in me, will there be any?
3. Here is where I restrict the extra charge of God!
4. Enlarge our expectations
Multiply our supplications--
All encourage by what He has already done in us.
5. There is a power (dynamis) that continually operates within the lives of the believers.
6. If a survey were conducted what has and what is he now doing for you?
7. Were you not a brand out of the burning changing you to a conspicuous ornament in his temple?
8. Are you not a new creature?
9. Is Jimmy Allen alive and teaching Romans?
10. Power external and internal.
11. This power determines the nature and manner of spiritual aspirations and cravings. (D.L.)
12. His communication will be according to our receptivity--we are the limitation.
13. What is that Power?
 - a) God--Christ--Holy Spirit in us.
 - b) Power that raised Jesus (Eph.1:20).
 - c) God

Rom. 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also" *help in*

Phil. 2:13 "For it is God which worketh in"

III. The End Result

A. Unto Him Be Glory.

1. Literally to Him the glory.
2. Glory is admiration, entreaty, confidence, thanksgiving.
3. It belongs inherently to Him.
4. It covers majesty, splendor, praise.
5. We must live so man can see it.
6. We sing "I Will Glorify His Name."
7. Duties of redeemed to do so transcends in urgency all others.
8. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."
9. Made heaven and earth and sets bounds of sea via sand.

Jer. 5:22 "Which have placed the sand" *Bound*

Ps. 3:6 "I will not be afraid of 10,000"

Ps. 3:5 "I laid me down and slept"

10. Remember the way to glorify God.

Jn. 15:8 "Herein is my Father glorified"

B. In The Church

1. The church is the vehicle for the display of all the glories of Christ. (Bruce)
2. Speaks of the church universal.
3. Church reveals God's wisdom.
4. Church is the theatre for the manifestation of the glory in Christ. (FJB)
5. Church is seat of God's praise.
6. Every member concurs in this work-- jointly praise though not just individuals.

7. Note church is listed first--honor of Jesus is in the hands of the church. (Thompson)
8. Church is the people nigh to God.
9. Purpose of church to glorify God forever.

Eph. 3:11 "According to the eternal"

10. Can't set aside the church as is in perpetual will of God.
11. Church is instrumentally formed for his praise. (D.L.)
12. It ever wars against sin and has a ceaseless ministry to human sorrow.
13. Always some people left to be a mirror in which folk can behold the inestimable mercy of God. (Calvin)

C. In Christ

Zech. 6:12-13 (READ)

1. All of God's gifts come from Him to us through hand of Jesus.
2. All our praise pass from us to Him through the same hand. (Henry)
3. He's the mediator of the praise.
4. By Jesus alone come blessings and by him our service ascends.
5. Macknight says it's not by but for Christ.
6. "Christ is the brightness of the Father's glory."
7. "Knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

D. Combination of Christ and Church

1. Bride -- Bridegroom
Redeemed -- Redeemer
Brethren -- Firstborn
Body -- Head
2. Unity seen.
3. All in Christ are in the church.
4. Not 2 places but same theatre of operation.
5. Christ and the church are complementary parts of one organism--head and body--they form the sphere where glory of God is manifested and medium through which the praise of the creation is rendered to the creator." (Interpreters)
6. Being in Christ same as being in the church.

Jn. 15:5 "I am the vine, ye are the branches"

7. God's glory is to be found in the center of humanity--church and Jesus.

IV. For How Long?

A. Throughout all ages.

1. Literally unto all the generations of the age of the ages.
2. Eternity is conceived of as consisting of ages--endlessly succeeding one another.
3. Song of praise began on earth and protracted through all the generations of men, shall continue in Heaven by all the redeemed from all the earth.
(Clark)

4. Not one jot or tittle of promise has ever failed.
5. Each generation adds its own peculiar thanks (like graduation classes at school). (Ellicott & JBM)
6. Ascription of praise is not transitory--it never becomes obsolete but is forever--worlds without end.

B. Worlds Without End

Through all eternity to Thee

A joyful song I'll raise

For oh, eternity's too short

To utter all thy praise.

1. God will be forever.
2. Church will be forever praising.
3. Forever there is reason for praise.

Ps. 72:17

45:17

Rev. 5:13

C. Amen

1. God should be praised--so be it and so it will constantly be.
2. None among who does not add amen--so here we are united!

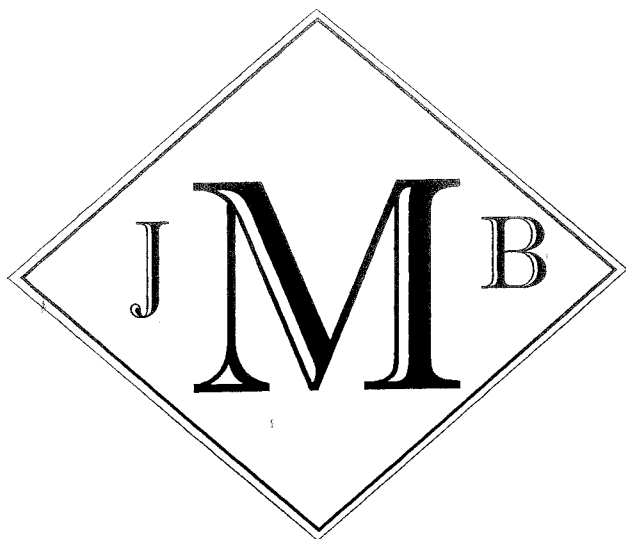
Joel 2:26

Ps. 86:8-10

3. "Amen" lets us adopt as our own what has just been said.
4. See him face to face and tell the story saved by grace.

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Ephesians 3:20-21

I. It was a starting assignment.

A. DLC's first Bible class.

1. Jim Cope, theme, "Describe God."
2. God, as a 17-year-old boy, I knew somewhat. *Then Clay Purdie - 4 points*
3. Theme? We didn't do that at *in Carol* Middleton.
4. Assignment? Describe God--will the next be Outline Einstein's Theory of Relativity?



B. Had I grasped that truth, Paul had earlier in a microcosm done just that.

1. It was Ephesians 3:20-21.
2. There can be more but never less--NBH.
3. Our purpose to:
 - a) Study
 - b) Believe
 - c) Strengthen faith.
 - d) Step into greater security & joy.

Eph. 3:20-21 "Now unto him that is able"

II. May we study "component parts."

A. Now

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1. Not one commentator mentioned the word.
 2. Arrow of Identification.
 3. Receive a statement of unparalleled beauty about the Lord.
 4. Statement of timeliness.
 - a) Not one moment to be lost in acknowledgement.
 - b) Recognition urgent, imperative.

5. To me one of the hardest truths to impress and convince--"we have all the time we need."

B. Unto Him

1. There is a purpose in all of this. Paul has just called for one of the most sweeping hopes that spiritually can come to man. The catholicity of the gospel for all men, the invading of principalities and powers by the church's proclamation of Jesus' truth, the bearing of tribulations, the steadfastness of every saint--all to be the hopeful subject of accomplishment presently--and as Dummelow wrote, "to explain the audacity of prayer" gives reason for the words "unto Him."
2. Man's a dependent creature--needs to pray a lot.
 - a) Will God hear?
 - b) Will God act?
 - c) Is He able?
3. Answer is yes.
 - a) Sense needs.
 - b) State them.
 - c) Glory in his ability.

"Expect great things from God"
(William Carey)

Ps. 55:22 "Cast thy burdens upon the Lord"

4. In faith, go to Him.

5. *Let's ever praise magnify
His name*

C. This Him is Able!

1. John Wesley wrote "adapted to strengthen our faith that we stagger not at the great things the apostle has been praying for" this statement of God's ability comes to us.
- 2. Can we ask more than He can do?
 - a) "An inexhaustible fullness of grace and mercy in God which the prayers of all the saints can never draw dry." (Matthew Henry)
 - b) Grandpa's well--never dry.
 - c) "Glory in the boundless reach of God's power." (Vaughan)
3. Hear Scriptures.

Romans 16:25

Jude 24

Job 42:2

2 Timothy 1:12

2 Corinthians 9:8

Read

Nothing impossible with God!

4. I am in the presence of the God who first is able and secondly is willing!
5. He is "able to do,"
 - a) Children aren't.
 - b) We hold our money, we let slip our ability & influence, we skip our opportunities.
 - c) Reidland man responded with "Help me"--commanding list of back-sliders.

- d) "He has the ability, coupled with the willingness." (Adam Clark)
- e) Sing "Great Things He Has Done"
- f) Omnipotency focused on our rightful needs & he makes no mistake in exercising his power.

Phil. 4:6 "Be careful for nothing; but in"

g) We worship one who acts.

D. How much? "Exceeding abundant" 11

1 Thess. 3:10 "Immensely more".

1. "God's capacity to meet our needs far exceeds anything we can request in prayer." (Expositor)
2. Some requests: Get them?
 - a) Pardon
 - b) Wisdom
 - c) Support
 - d) Protection
 - e) Guidance
3. Thinking of God is similar to thinking of space "however far our concepts may travel, there is still infinity beyond." (P.C.)
4. "So small our vision, so comprehensive is His." (Elwell)
5. It's "Above."
 - a) Paul uses it 3X more often than rest of N.T. writers.
 - b) "Paul is anxious that saints carry all the voltage of God's almighty power they are capacitated to carry." (R. C. Bell)

- c) "The possible with God will always be greater than the actual."
- d) "The all shows God will not withdraw his hand--one act of liberality toward us does not exhaust him"
(J. Calvin)
- 6. Difference between "ask" and "think".
 - a) Ask "exhausts the power of language then stretches the imagination".
(Simeon)
 - b) No limit to his power--only to our language.
- 7. Think is the excess of Ask.
 - a) We can think more than we can ask.
 - b) "Stretch your thoughts, enlarge your desires, multiply your petitions because God is there to meet them."
- 8. Our Voltage Restrictor--is all "according to the power that works in us."
 - a) Is anything going on in my life that is "God driven?"
 - b) Am I a mini-transformer with a 10-watt glow rather than 200?
 - c) Is my dynamo low voltage?
 - d) Survey:
 - What has & what is he doing for me? J.D. Bales "God Bless"
 - e) Do I ever say "This God has done?" *Who is this God willing*
 - f) Jimmy Allen alive? Teach Romans? Pope Catholic?

9. Power external and internal.

a) "His power determines the nature and manner of spiritual aspirations and cravings." (D.L.)

b) Will we turn God loose to full usage?

10. What is that Power?

a) God, Christ, Holy Spirit in you.

b) Power that raised Jesus (Eph. 1:20)

Rom. 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth"

Phil. 2:13 "For it is God which worketh in you both to will & to do of his good pleasure."

E. Result: "To Him Be Glory."

1. Glory = admiration, thanksgiving, confidence.

2. It radiates majesty and splendor.

3. Live so all mankind can see it.

4. Sing:

"I will glorify His name."

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

Jn. 15:8 "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

5. First thing mentioned is Church.

a) Don't trash it.

b) Bruce states, "The church is the vehicle for the display of all the glories of Christ." The "church is the theatre for the manifestation of the glory in Christ" (Fawsett, Jamison, Brown). "The honor of

Jesus is in the hands of the church" (Thompson). The church's task is to glorify God forever (Eph. 3:11). "The church is instrumentally formed for his praise" (Lipscomb). "Always there will be some people left to be a mirror in which folk can behold the inestimable mercy of God" (Calvin). Though it speaks of the church universal, it still is the task of every individual in it to concur in this magnification of the Lord. It is not the duty of a few but the joy of every single member.

*Funeral home
"Greatest
W. Collins"
I'm JBM*

6. Next is Christ.

- a) All gifts come to man through his hand & all praise passes back to God through this redeeming mediator.
- b) He is the brightness of the Father's glory.

7. Please note affinity of Christ and the church.

- a) Bride - Bridegroom
- b) Redeemed - Redeemer
- c) Brethren - Firstborn brother
- d) Body - Head
- e) United proclaimed.
- f) Not 2 spheres of operation but one.

g) "Christ and the church are complementary parts of an organism --head & body--they form the sphere where glory of God is manifested and the medium through which praise of the creation is rendered to the creator."

(Interpreters)

h) God's glory has a human touch--
man and Son born of a woman.

F. How long is praise to be "Throughout all ages, world without end."

1. Lit. "unto all the generations of the age of the ages."
2. Eternity is conceived of as consisting of ages, all endlessly succeeding one another.
3. Song of praise begins on earth, protracted through all generations of men, continued forever in Heaven.
4. If now you aren't doing it, how could you enjoy it later?
5. Each generation adds its peculiar thanks. (Ellicott)
6. Each graduating class does something more for Harding.
7. Glory piles on top of glory.
8. Ascription of praise is not transitory--never obsolete, but is forever--worlds without end.

"Through all eternity to thee
A joyful song I'll raise
For oh, eternity's too short
To utter all thy praise."

*Can't separate
Christ & Church*

9. God is forever.

Church forever praising Him.

Forever there is reason for it.

G. Amen! Now & until we see him face to face and tell the story saved by grace, we will praise and glorify His name--
Amen!

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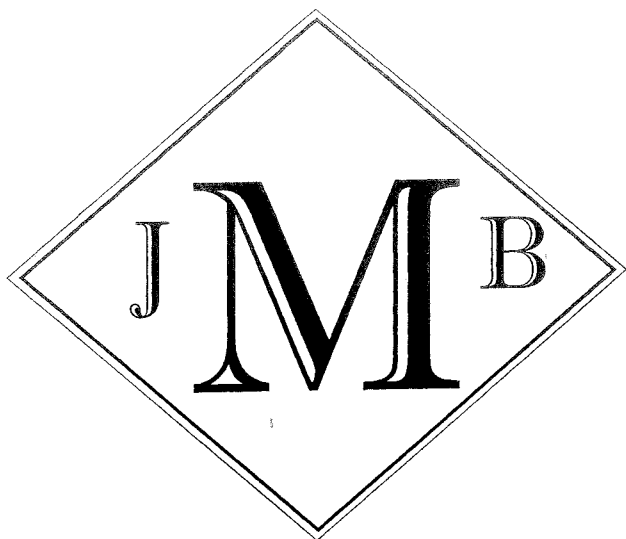
"Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began" (Romans 16:25).

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24).

"I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee" (Job 42:2).

"For the which cause I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12).

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).



"ARE YOU 'PUTTING ME ON'?"

Gal. 3:26-27

- I. We've always had some strange expressions to radiate a sense of doubt. Note:
 - A. Don't spook me.
 - B. Cross your heart - cross fingers.
 - C. Pull the wool over my eyes.
 - D. Pulling my leg.
 - E. Today - are you 'putting me on'?
 - II. It's the latter expression that I want to see and use it in a good way.
- Gal. 3:26-27 "For ye are all the children
- A. The background
 - 1. Galatian letter is valedictory of faith vs. works of the law.
 - 2. Paul described the former condition
 - (a) Kept under law (v. 23)
 - (b) Shut up unto faith (v. 23)
 - (c) Law was our schoolmaster
 - (1) Pedagogue who led little children by the hand to teacher.
 - (d) Faith comes and liberates.
 - B. The power of faith
 - 1. I may become a child of God
- Jn. 1:12 "But as many as received
- (a) Child is full fledged - no little one to lead; come of age!
 - (b) Sublime thought to say whose I am - Child of God.

(c) Wesley says it's "adult sons of God."

(d) Means those who have come into full enjoyment of the position to which their birth entitles them.

(e) All called sons have been baptized.

(f) Sonship originates c God.

2. Question naturally arises, "How did you get that way?"

(a) (Never intimates that all are God's children - there is something that discriminates!)

(b) Our answer comes soon - "By faith in Christ"

3. What is entailed in this expression?

(a) Faith is that implicit trust, reliance, confidence in Jesus; that He is all He says He is.

(b) Dependence in God's finished work.

C. Purpose of baptism (only Gal. reference)

1. If we see we are sons of God by faith in Jesus, it's only natural to ask, "How do we get into Jesus?"

2. Likewise here our answer is quick in coming "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

3. We similarly see the line of demarcation drawn - it's as many as were baptized.

4. Surely we see at this point we "have put on Christ".

(a) What does this mean?

(b) Put on like a garment

(c) Complete covering - full adornment of Chr. character

(d) When we put on Christ we do not look contemptuously on any but hopefully on all

5. Baptized into what:

(a) Name presence of power (Security, confusion of enemies)

Matt. 28:19 "Go ye therefore & teach all

(b) Moves

I Cor. 10:2 "And all were baptized into

(c) Body

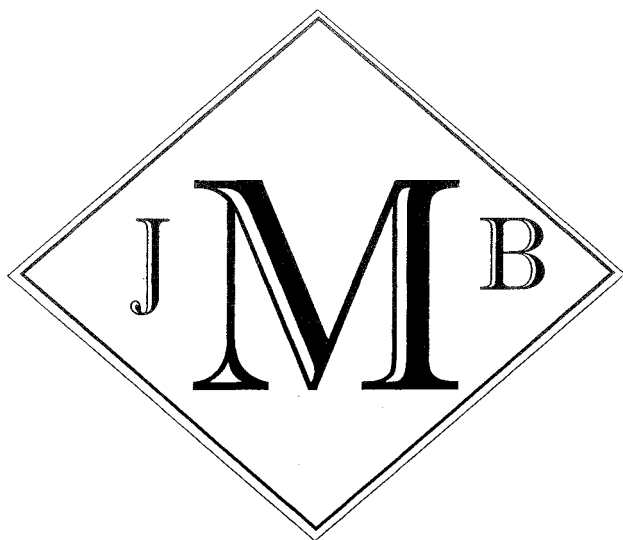
I Cor. 12:13 "For by one spirit are ye

6. P.C. "He uses the preposition in its strictest sense; that is, meaning that Christians are in their baptism brought into that union with Christ which constitutes their life.

7. Priest washed before he entered

8. F.J.B. calls it a spiritual transference

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A PRISONER'S PLEA

Eph. 4:1

- I. Later there are several phrases- 4 & a summary - but before that there are 4 words of Fellowship.
- II. 4 words.

A. I - Prisoner.

1. Now restricted - others must carry on the work.
2. Means one in bonds.
3. Was in prison because of his connection c Christ - no other reason. Great cause.
4. Many things in the Lord.

(a) Marry.

I Cor. 7:39 "She is at liberty to be married to whom sh

(b) Rejoice.

Phil. 3:1 "Finally, my br., rejoice in the Lord.

(c) Prison.

Eph. 4:1 "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech

B. Therefore.

1. Link - Bridge.
2. Between doctrine & duty.
3. Between analysis & action.
4. Believe & Behave the truth.
5. Creeds determine character.
6. Therefore use 8X in next 2 chapters - cause & effect.
7. Bridge from theology to morality; faith to life.
8. Must live up to our calling but 1st must know what our calling is.
9. Rt. living comes out of Rt. thinking.
10. Dostowski, "Cease to believe in God & everything is permitted."

11. Dr. David Reuben wrote (psychiatrist), "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex" teaches it as game - become as skillful as tennis. It's Means to good fun - no theology - it brings guilt feelings & spoils the fun. No moral authority beyond our own conscience.

12. We must 1st present the Christ.

C. 3rd Word - Walk Worthy of Vocation.

1. Consistent lives of earnest Chr. are powerful.

2. World eyes the inconsistent.

3. Walk often use.

Col. 1:10 "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto

1 Thess. 2:12 "That ye should walk worthy of God, who

4. Walk - to advance step by step.

5. We should be worthy.

(a) Conduct consistent c hi privileges that grace has given.

(b) Worthy = bringing up the other beam of the scale

(c) Like value of gospel into which we are called is our walk.

(d) Worthily - have same wt., like value, balanced

D. 4th Word - Calling.

1. Called to be God's people.

2. True grace in the heart must show itself in goodness of life.

3. Calling.

1 Pet. 2:9 "Call you out of darkness into his marvelous

Gal. 1:6 "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from h

1 Cor. 1:9 "God is faithful by whom ye were called ur

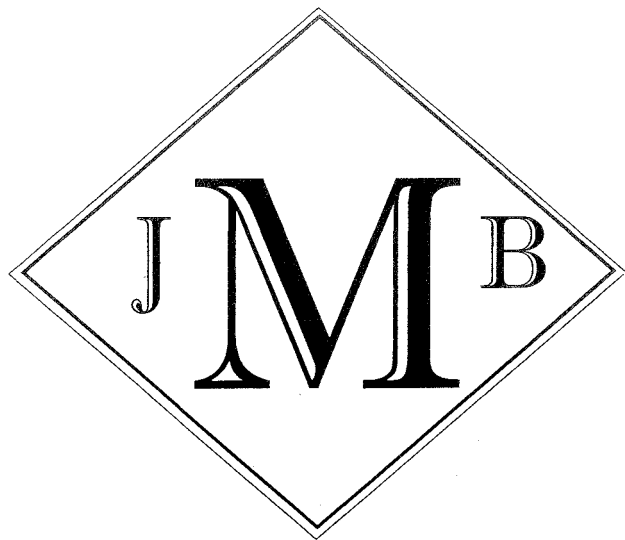
2 Pet. 1:3 "According as his divine power hath given

glory & virtue

Phil. 3:14 "I press to the mark for the prize of the high
4. To call along side!

Heb. 3:1 "Wherefore holy br., partakers of the heavens

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BAPTISM FOR ME: 5, 1, NONE?

Eph. 4:1-5

I. To just be one baptism -

Eph. 4:5 "One Lord, one faith, one baptism."
the Scriptures sure mention a bunch!

A. Am I to submit to

1. 5.

2. 2.

3. 1.

4. None - all are answering.

B. In view of multiple baptisms, what means the
Scrp. when it says one?

II. Several baptisms are mentioned (and I do not mean
modes - we are not discussing sprinkling, pouring,
or immersion - no figure fits but immersion).

A. For instance:

captizin some.

I Cor. 10:1-2 "All our fathers were under the cloud

& all p's on thru the sea

Rom. 6:1-4 "What shall we say then? Shall we conti

Col. 2:12 "Buried c him in b. wherein also ye are rise

Matt. 3:16 "And Jesus when he was baptized went up

B. Rather, we discuss end results & purposes.

1. John's Baptism.

SIN ... flee from wrath

Matt. 3:6-7 "were baptized of him in Jordan, confess

Mk. 1:4 "John did baptize in the wilderness, and pre

Acts John 18:25 "Apollos -- knowing on the bap.

Acts John 19:3 "Unto what then were you

Acts Acts 19:5 "When they heard this, they b. in the name

I Cor. 1:13 "were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

2. Spirit Baptism.

Matt. 3:11 "I indeed baptize you c water unto repent

Mk. 1:8 "I indeed b. you c water but he shall baptize
Acts 1:5 "For John truly b. c water but ye shall be ba

3. Fire baptism.

Matt. 3:11 "He shall baptize you c the Holy Ghost ar

4. Suffering.

Matt. 20:22 "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I sh

Mk. 10:38-39 (Repeated)

Lu. 12:50 "How am I straitened till it be accomplished

5. Christ's water baptism.

Mk. 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be

Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be

Acts 18:8 "Many of the Corin. hearing believed, and

Acts 8:35- "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began

Acts 8:12 "But when they believed P. preaching the t

III. Who is subject to this One baptism.

A. Evidently the penitent believer.

Marceay article

Rom. 6:17-18 "But God be thanked that ye were the s

B. Is it Proxy Baptism?

Can one be for another?

I Cor. 15:29 "Else what shall they do which are bap

1. 30 different interpretations.

2. Dire consequence if no resurrection of dead.

3. No parallel expressions to guide us.

4. Obvious they that it essential & the resurrection
real.

5. Something good would come to dead they felt.

C. Some interpretations - no one meaning has gained
general approval.

1. They were actually baptized for the dead - on
behalf of those who had not been.

a.) Burton Coffman.

- b.) Tertullian.
- c.) Mormons.
- d.) Barclay - vicarious baptism.

Huper = above or over, or instead of.

2. Rebuttal to this.

- a.) **Inconsistent** c truth.
- b.) Paul mentions it to show proxy baptism is useless if there is no resurrection - indeed all baptisms are.
- c.) Paul never accepted or commended or justified.
- d.) Godet, "Representative baptism a Cor. sickness
- e.) Some say later rebuked but just now passed over
- f.) Early days those that did this were already set apart as a sect.
- g.) Coffman says they were baptized for the dead but 3rd person pronouns show he did not approve
- h.) Chr. baptism always uses we - not they.
- i.) Paul mentions things w/o condemning them - "Why bury artifacts in Egyptian tomb if no res." we say but that doesn't commend the practice.
- j.) Obvious all felt lost w/o baptism - would rise to suffer if not baptized.
- k.) Acquinas, "Those who are baptized to obtain pardon of mortal sins."

3. Over dead one.

- a.) If not in place of one, over the dead one.
- b.) Dead is plural - can't mean Christ.
- c.) Huper - above, over. Luther said over grave of martyr. (Sprinkle?)

4. In place of dead one (DeHoff).

a.) Some have fallen asleep in Christ, others baptized to fill their vacant places.

b.) 50 soldiers replace 50 fallen comrades.

5. Bathing the dead - Beza.

a.) But no immersion.

b.) Bath before burial.

6. Calvin - those who knew they were dying.

7. Martyrs.

a.) Those converted by contemplating death of martyrs.

b.) Lightfoot & others say it's blood, not water - we join the ranks of dead & die for our faith.

8. Respect for dead - baptized out of affection & respect for dead ones.

9. Safety.

a.) Leave nothing to chance.

b.) Leave nothing unattended.

c.) But nothing any good unless Christ is raised.

C. Have you been baptized properly?

1. Barclay says to believe in its necessity is superstition.

2. Read again.

1 Pet. 3:21 "The like figure whereunto even baptism"

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BAPTISM — ARE WE THE ONLY ONES?

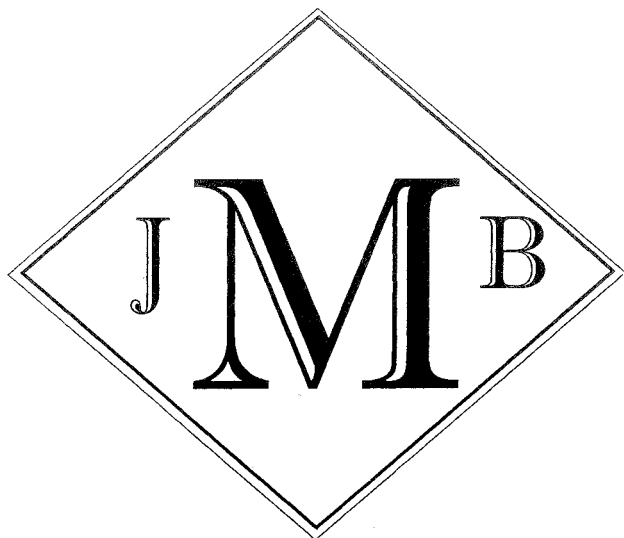
As you have studied the Bible's teachings on baptism, have you ever wondered, "Are we the only ones who believe that it is essential for salvation? Why can't others see this too?" Maybe it would surprise you to know what other seekers have discovered:

1. **Juan Carlos Ortiz** (Argentinian Pentecostal). "Some of our traditions nullify and oppose the Word of God. Consider baptism. The Bible says, 'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.' Our tradition says, 'He that believeth is saved and after a month of trial he will be baptized . . . When we speak to a person about the Lord, we explain about the two kingdoms, but we don't assure him he is in this other kingdom until after he has come out of the water . . .'" (**The Call to Discipleship**, P. 84, 40).

2. **Michael B. Green** (Anglican Historian and Preacher). "To say 'In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith' is tantamount to saying, 'As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ' . . . Those who repented and believed the Word were baptized. That was the invariable pattern, so far as we know . . . Baptism was the mark of: incorporation within the Body, mark of purification, bath of rebirth and initiation into the realm of the Spirit" (**Evangelism in the Early Church**, p. 152-153).

3. **Dietrich Bonhoeffer** (Lutheran). "In baptism man becomes Christ's own possession . . . From that moment he belongs to Christ. He is wrested from the dominion of the world, and passes into the ownership of Christ . . . Baptismal death means justification from sin . . . As far as infant baptism is concerned, it must be insisted that the sacrament should be administered only where there is a firm faith . . ." (**Cost of Discipleship**, p. 206, 208, 210).

The more men study the Word the more truth they understand about baptism. Our role must be to continue to hold to what the Word of God teaches on this vital subject.



WHAT DOES CHRIST EXPECT OF ME?

Eph. 4:15 *My life my love, I give*

I. When Jesus said "I am come that you might have life" - do you envision the full service.

A. Is Christianity synonymous with the Sunday meetin' clothes or is it broader *Not beauty of*

B. What do you think Christ wants of you? *etern. life whole*

C. Today we seek to tell some of it. *forest of*

II. 1st Christ expects me to be holy. *trees*

2 Peter 1:3 "Seeing that his divine power

Gal. 4:19 "My little children, of whom I am *Christ in the world of Christ*

Eph. 3:19 "Filled with the fullness of God"

Eph. 4:13 "Unto a full grown man, unto *the measure*

A. Perhaps this establishes Jesus wants growth of spiritual nature in us.

B. Jesus wants you a saint. *those that made conv.*

Ps. 50:5 "Gather my s. together unto me, th

I Cor. 1:2 "Them that are sanctified in Chri *called*

1. Sanctify = set apart to sacred use, dedicated to God.

a. Things were 1st born (Ex. 13:2)

mt. (Ex. 19:23) altar (Ex. 29:36-37)

b. He makes us holy, purify, consecrate.

c. Sanctification = 10x in N.T.; verb form to make holy = 28x; adj. form to make pure, 235x in N.T. = 273x total

2. Can any doubt God's desire for us.

C. But am I -- and can I be all at once?

1. Paul calls Cor. brethren st. yet lot they needed.

a. The event of their conversion tho had

occurred.

2. Yet it was still a process of growth.

He is "ever becoming." *like in line at*

a. Sanctification is not a station said *that*
Howard Horton.

b. Paradox of st. becoming saintly.

(1) Compare with child born a male yet
isn't man for 20 years. Many need
longer!

(2) He spends years becoming what he is
by birth.

(3) We are born st. yet grow to be one.

D. This is only possible in Christ.

I Cor. 1:30-31 "But of him are ye in *Christ*
Jn. 17:17 Sanct. them in truth *wisdom makes*

1. Sanct. is related to truth. *not*

Rom. 13:14 "Put ye on the Lord Jesus *redeem*

2. Avoid occasion to sin. *I make not provision for the flesh*
Donald O'Connor
said the way to quit smoking was to
carry wet matches.

III. If this applies to self is there an obligation
I owe others?

Matt. 20:26-28 "Whosoever would become

A. Yet do we minister

1. Park St. Congregational church organ-
ized 5/1/1809 22 members. Now 2106,
supports 123 missionaries. 61 are from
own membership. Budget \$258,000.00 to
missions out of \$465,000.00.

2. N.B. Hardeman "We are close fisted,
penurious and contemptably stingy, be-

cause more of us are idolatrous than
we think and characterized by a spirit
of covetousness, therefore we are in-
active and inoperative.

3. Clip from St. Louis.

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Jim Williams was talking to his 3 year old son, Jay-- showing him the picture of his father when his father was a baby. Jay felt he favored his father so much that he could not establish the difference between the two, and he said "That's me." His father explained to him that it was not Jay, but was in turn his father's baby picture. Jay said "Well if that is you you are wearing my face."

Oh, the bitter pain and sorrow
That a time could ever be,
When I proudly said to Jesus
"All of self, and none of Thee."

Yet He found me; and I beheld Him
Bleeding on the accursed tree,
And my wistful heart said faintly
"Some of self, and some of thee."

Day by day His tender mercy
Healing, helping, full and free,
Bro't me lower while I whispered,
"Less of self, and more of Thee."

(over)

Higher than the highest heavens,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord, thy love has conquered,
"None of self and all of Thee."

background. But I mean the middle, where you live.

"You Start All Over Again." Fame to me certainly is only a partial happiness. Fame is not really for a daily diet, that's not what fulfills you. It warms you a bit, but the warming is temporary.

Once I was supposed to be finished. When Arthur Miller was on trial for contempt of Congress, a certain corporation executive said either he named names and I got him to name names, or I was finished. I said, "I'm proud of my husband's position and I stand behind him all the way," and the court did, too. "Finished," they said. "You'll never be heard of."

It might be kind of a relief to be

finished. It's sort of like I don't know what kind of a yard dash you're running, but then you're at the finish line and you sort of sigh—you've made it! But you never have—you have to start all over again. But I believe you're always as good as your potential.

I don't think people will turn against me. I like people. The "public" scares me, but people I trust. I now live in my work and in a few relationships with the few people I can really count on. Fame will go by and, so long, I've had you, fame. If it goes by, I've always known it was fickle. So at least it's something I experienced, but that's not where I live.



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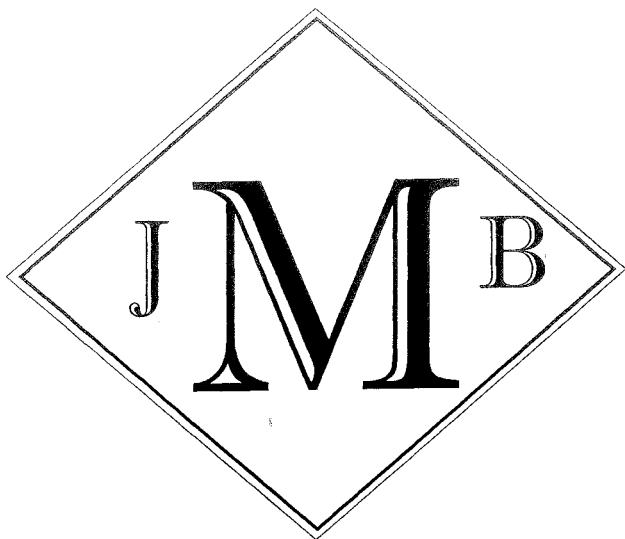
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WHAT'S THE DESIRED END OF OUR LABORS?

Eph. 4:11-16

I. There's wisdom in each worker of God stopping to ask: "What is my duty? What am I trying to do? Has God told me?"

A. Every teacher needs to see the end toward which he's pointing.

B. Every elder and wife needs to perceive the end product of their labors.

C. Every preacher needs a long range "lessor plan" telling him what he's to do. He's not the courthouse whittler!

D. Every class needs a goal?

1. We were having a speech by W.B. Richter on "Human Suffering". Man was in the hall asking for clothes, then bus far.

Could I excuse self from this to "attend class."

II. But are we free to chart our course?

A. Has God given in the inner workings of his church a goal?

B. Do we know that goal if God has spoken?

III. God Has a Dream.

Eph. 4:11-16 "And he gave some apostles,

A. From this we seek to see various things.

1. The variety of workers. — Men

2. The specific assignments. — Job

3. The end desired. — End

a. The undesirable.

b. The most desirable result.

B. As I tell this story where do you fit? Keep

in mind it is a gift of God!

1. We'll discuss the about 3 points.

IV. The variety of workers.

A. Apostles--used 3 ways in N.T. (a) Sent, (b) 12, (c) others.

1. It means one sent with special mission fully authorized to represent the sender.

2. It was official name of the 12.

a. Barnabas another kind. Acts 13:3

b. Jesus called "Apostle & H.P." Heb. 3:1

3. These were men Jesus called, trained, carried into private council.

4. Had equality, power, authority.

5. Office not passed on. They fd. builders.

6. Can you see them disobedient?

B. Prophets.

1. All O.T. words signify he's a spokesman of God. They spoke forth for God.

2. He was also called a seer--he saw, understood and declared the message of God.

3. Turn to Deut. 18:18 and see his work "And will put my words in his mouth".

4. In Gk. it means "forth teller"--more than fore-tell. He not only spoke for but interpreted God's will.

5. Do you see him altering such?

6. Do you see his work and words as inspired

C. Evangelist.

1. Lit. this means one who announces good news. 2x in N.T. Acts 21:8 (Phillip) and

2 Tim. 4:5 (Tim.).

2. He was the founder, the shock trooper.

3. He usually moved to different spots.

4. ~~Phillip was called "the evangelist". Acts 21:8.~~

5. It referred to a work, not an order.

6. Do you feel we have enough today?

D. Pastors (linked together with teacher by same article in Gk.)

1. Same as elder.

2. ~~Wave~~^{one} many names.

3. Met qualifications, chief worker in local congregation.

4. Name implies his duties -- shepherd.

5. Do we pray for such, want to be, give chance?

E. Teacher.

1. To show how to do.

2. Imparts instruction, communicates knowledge.

3. Think of our debt to them.

4. Teach by word and example.

5. What we get is for the enrichment of others not ourselves: *Preachers don't bapt.*

V. Our specific assignment. *to ease own*

A. It was a three fold matter. *100d - it*

1. Perfecting of the saints. *increase*

a. Used only here in N.T. It means to bring a condition of fitness for the *Tone* discharge of functions in the body.

b. Every Christian has a spiritual task, is

a minister.

2. Work of the ministers.

a. Word means menial service--like deacon.

3. Edifying on the body of Christ.

a. It is a building up.

B. Are we so achieving today?

VI. The End Desired.

A. It's a multifold matter also:

1. Unity of the faith.

a. Described as the end of the journey.

9x in Acts speaks of "travellers arriving at a destination." *Terminal*

b. Folks from different background become one in Christ. *Vernon "Is it terminal?"*

2. Knowledge of the Son of God.

a. Faith is deep and personal.

b. One of rare times Paul calls Jesus Son of God.

3. Perfect man.

a. This is maturity--perfect means full developed.

b. Manhood is adulthood (contrast with next verse which means Children).

4. Measure of the Stature of the Fulness.

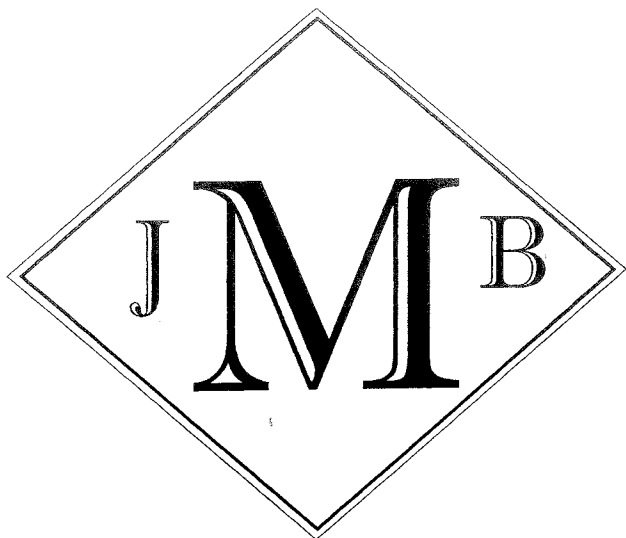
a. Stature denotes age, growth.

b. Our measure can be nothing less than the fullness of Christ.

c. He seeks to fill us with himself.

d. This is our full ambition.

B. For this there was the undesirable and the



CHRISTIAN MATURITY - ACHIEVED

Eph. 4:14-16

- I. If the goal of maturity is worthy & Scriptural, then the method to achieve it is essential.

Eph. 4:14-16 "That we henceforth be no more children

Ps. 119:28 "My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen

Ps. 119:5 "O that my ways were directed to keep th

2 Cor. 7:1 "Having therefore these promises, dearly

- A. As maturity had 5 synonyms, so does its achievement have 4 avenues.

- B. These 4 avenues are:

1. The Word of God.

2. On which you meditate.

3. And which is consistently obeyed.

4. In the fear of God.

- II. Let's study the Avenues.

- A. I need the Word of God.

Ps. 119:36 "Incline my heart unto thy testimonies

Matt. 4:4 "Man shall not live by bread alone, but

2 Tim. 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto

1. Business man in Michigan - Card #1. COMPASS

2. Chicago newspaper - Card #2. Collins

3. James Garfield - Card #3.

4. ~~Word flows thru you~~ - Card #4. (Arnold Vivien)

- B. On this word you must meditate. (Geo E)

Ps. 119:11 "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, &

Ps. 1:1 "Blessed is the man that walketh not in th

1 Tim. 4:15 "Meditate upon these things; give th

1. Henry Sloan Coffin - Card #5. Robert Roosevelt

2. Dr. Richard Hoffman of New York says that civilization's 3 major killers are not heart

disease, cancer, & accidents, but calendars, telephones, & clocks--the tyranny of an accelerated life.

3. Helen Hays "A Gift of Joy" - Card #6.
4. We'll be honest - J. A. Knight Hitler Card #7.
2 Cor. 10:5 "Casting down imaginations and ev
5. Word is not a "Matchless Gift" - Card #8.
6. 60 million sleeping pills - Card #9.

C. Thirdly, the Word Understood Must Be Obeyed.

John 15:10 "If ye keep my c., ye shall abide in

John/5:14 "Ye are my friends if ye do *obey me*

Matt. 28:19 "All authority hath *been given*

1. Life nourished & lived - Card #10. *1. Delight*
2. Live the new life - Card #11. *2. Spectator*
3. Do it - not someone else. *3. Perform*
4. *4. Experience*

(a) Wesley Baker - Card #12. *Cloud of witnesses*

(b) Brooks Hays - Card #13. *mildly approving*

(c) Wallace Hamilton - Card #14. *Good people get*

(d) Latherer - Card #15. *tired of being good by*

4. Believe in Word - not just sense of touch - Card #16. *bad people get kind*

5. Poem - When things Card #17.

6. ~~Potatoes~~ - Card #18. *Called as into his eternal day*

7. Kipling - Card #19. *by Christ Jesus, after that great*

D. With it all, there is God *perfect, sufficient, made you*

Eph. 3:17-21 - Read. *it's God's words*

Eph. 2:8-10 "For by grace are ye saved thru faith *perfect, sufficient, strengthen,*

✓ 1 Pet. 5:10 "But the God of all grace who hath *settle you*

Jere. 2:32 "Can a maid forget her ornaments, o

1. What if there is none? *or a bride her attire*

- ✓ (a) Dostoyevsky - Card #20.
- (b) Huxley - Card #21.
- (c) Poll in Canada - #22.

2. Glad there is

✓ Bryant #23

~~Proof #24~~

3. Don't take too much to self - Card #25.

4. God's providence.

✓ (a) Card #26 - Cat.

(b) Poem #27.

5. Do we want Him?

(a) Oxenham Poem #28.

✓ (b) Combat crew #29.

(c) God c skin on #30.

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Harold Vivien, a junior mechanic employed on the premises, saw in a moment how the problem might be solved. Seizing the ends of the broken wire, he held them, grimly and gallantly, as the current conveying the royal message was transmitted.

Electrical charges of some 250 volts shook his body, convulsing him from head to foot and causing him considerable pain. But he did not relax his grasp. Resolutely, desperately, he clung to the cable till the people heard the king.

Robert J. Norman

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"Let us have no imitation Christian love," ~~Paul insists.~~ #10
"Let us have a genuine break with evil, and a real devotion to good. Let us have real affection for one another as between brothers, and a willingness to let the other man have the credit. Let us now allow slackness to spoil our work and let us keep the fires of the spirit burning, as we do our work for the Lord" (Romans 12:9-12). For the life of God must be nourished; it must be developed; it must be lived.

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"When trials come," ~~one passage says~~, "endure them patiently; steadfastly maintain the habit of prayer. Give freely to fellow Christians in want, never grudging a meal or a bed to those who need them. And as for those who try to make your life a misery, bless them. Don't curse, bless. Share the happiness of those who are happy, and the sorrow of those who are sad. Live in harmony with one another. Don't become snobbish but take real interest in ordinary people. Don't become set in your own opinions. Don't pay back a bad turn by a bad turn, to anyone" (Romans 12:17). All this, and far more, is the expression of the new life which God plants in those who come to know Him, through His Son. *Philips*

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"Made up, usually, of a small inner core of believers who assume the necessary posts of leadership with gratitude and devotion...and surrounded by a cloud of uninvolved and mildly approving witnesses" (Wesley Baker, "The Split-level Fellowship"). *#12*

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During my one-year service as Assistant Secretary of the State, the Secretary, Mr. Rusk, often gave his assistants specific assignments at the morning staff sessions. On one occasion he turned to me after expressing a desire for Senator Fulbright to do something about a problem and said, "Brooks, please convey this request to the Senator." It was of such a nature that I knew that it would require top level intervention, so I responded like this: "Mr. Secretary, you should do this yourself--it is not something to **delegate** to your staff, and I have good biblical support for my position. In the eleventh chapter of Hebrews it is said 'Jacob leaned on his staff and died.'"

Brooks Hays

"Is the Bible a Human Book?" - Edited by Wayne E. Ward and Joseph F. Green

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Someone said that's what's the matter with Christians: good people get tired being good before bad people get tired being bad. To stay on a little longer than the enemy--that's what God's after. (#74)

"What About Tomorrow?" - By J. Wallace Hamilton - Page 72

#15 Down in the Ozark hills we used to have a name that fits them. We used to call them "latherers." Do you know what a latherer is? Uncle Melvin had one. His name was Billy. He was a mule. Uncle Melvin had a sawmill and kept several teams of mules. The loggers would hitch them to the logging wagons and go out into the timber, cut down trees, trim them, and load the heavy logs on the wagons. The mules would pull the logs back to the mill. The men knew Old Billy as a latherer. He would puff, pant, and snort, and he'd become all foamed up; he'd prance and lower his head and try to make you think he was the pullingest mule ever known. But the truth was he always lagged in the harness. His mate had the main bulk of the load on his shoulders while Old Billy pranced and snorted and faked it. Old Billy never fooled the loggers. They knew a good performance when they saw it and they knew the other kind. No doubt Old Billy was

exhausted at night, for there is nothing more exhausting than trying all day to pretend.

"Release From Phoniness" - By Arnold Prater - Page 113

So people to whom seeing is believing--who don't believe until they can touch and see--are in a bad way: they live in too small a world; more than that, they live in a deceptive world. Thomas thought that at least he could trust his senses; what he could see and touch, he could believe. But we have learned how deceptive the senses are and how little they can grasp and how much insight it takes to get back of the way things appear to the way they actually are. Our senses fool us, even in small things. To us this desk is solid, but the scientist says it isn't--it is nothing but empty space with electrons whirling around, structured to appear solid. Our eyes tell us that the world is flat, but we know it isn't; that the sun rises, but we know it doesn't; and that the sky is blue, but the color is only an optical illusion. Even the beautiful redness of the rose is not real, only a delightful deception of the optic nerve. You can't trust your

senses. They don't tell you the whole truth about anything.

"What About Tomorrow?" - By J. Wallace Hamilton - Pages 63-

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Rudyard Kipling's story of Tomlinson:

#19

And they came to the gate within the walls where Peter held the keys.

'Stand up, stand up now, Tomlinson, and answer, loud and high. The good that ye did for the sake of men or ever ye came to die-- The good that ye did for the sake of men in the little earth so lone! And the naked soul of Tomlinson grew white as a rain-washed bone 'This I have read in a book,' he said, 'and this was told to me. And this I have thought that another man thought of a Prince in Muscovy.'

And Peter twirled the jangling keys in weariness and wrath. 'Ye have heard, ye have heard, ye have thought,' he said, 'and the tale is yet to run.

By the worth of the body that once ye had, give answer--what ha' ye done?'

As Ivan in Dostoyevsky's novel "The Brothers Karamazov" put it, "Since there is no God and no devil, then everything is permissible," and he proceeded to justify the murder of his father. If anything goes, why be concerned about injustice in Vietnam or in our cities? Why respect the value of persons, if man is nothing but "a forked radish" with no destiny beyond a dusty death, "a vertical vertebrae with a perfect sewage system"? (Haeckel)

"Disciplines for Life in the Age of Aquarius"--Lance Webb P.25

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#25
"Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth'...If you forget the Lord your God...I solemnly warn you this day that you shall surely perish." (Deut. 8:17, 19)

"Illusions of Our Culture"----Leonard Griffith
P. 47

#22
In 1969 a religious journal in Canada conducted a nationwide opinion poll to discover the names of the mass media communicators who exercise the greatest influence on popular thinking. The people named were invited to answer questionnaires telling what they believe about the purpose of life, about God, about the Church. Of the fourteen who replied, four claimed affiliation with the Church, four described themselves as humanist, four as agnostic. Here are some of their answers: "I define God as my conscience." "Jesus was a well-intentioned man, one of the world's great optimists." "The reason for mankind's existence is to exist." "The effect of religion on man has been to keep him in line through fear of the unknown." "After death there is nothing".

"Illusions of Our Culture"--Leonard Griffith--Author's preface

There is a quaint, homey story about a cat at the corner of Broadway and Forty-second Street, New York City, one of the busiest street corners in the world. As pedestrians waited for the crossing to be cleared by the traffic officer, they saw a cat come up to the curb. She was holding her baby kitten in her mouth by the back of the neck, cat style. She wanted to cross the street, but the roar and jam of buses, trucks, and taxis confused her. She made a start and drew back; she made a second attempt and another retreat--it was too dangerous to go. Then something happened. The traffic officer saw the cat. Perhaps he was an Irishman with a heart as warm as his body was big, and immediately he put up his hand for traffic to stop, both ways; he didn't know which way the cat wanted to go. Now the hand of a traffic officer is not exactly a request--power is behind it; all the authority of the city was back of that lifted hand, and the traffic stood for that

moment--still. The cat watched alertly, and saw her chance. She darted across safely with her baby. The officer's hand came down again, and the great roar was resumed. And, of course, the cat never knew that she was the object of special care and that the whole city of New York had been called upon in that moment to guide her through the danger spot. Nor do we know how often strong hands go up to get us across, how often for us, too, the traffic has been cleared and the way opened; like the cat, we are unaware of the hand and the power behind the hand.

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*R A combat crew had to ditch their bomber in the vast loneliness of the south Pacific ocean. Five of them climbed aboard a rubber raft and the rest were lost. For twelve days they drifted with no sign of rescuers. The hot, terrible heat from the sun scorched and burned their skin, and as their rations were exhausted their flesh shrank until they were little more than living skeletons. (14) Their lips cracked and their tongues became thickly swollen with thirst. Two of the men went mad and leaped overboard. Another died quietly and they rolled his body into the sea. Only two were left. When a rescue vessel found the raft, only one man survived and when he had regained some strength he told of the death of his last companion.

"The night before you found us," he said, "it rained and the raft caught a pail of fresh water. I tried to give some to my buddy. It would have saved his life."

The airman's shoulders shook with sobs and it was a moment before he could continue.

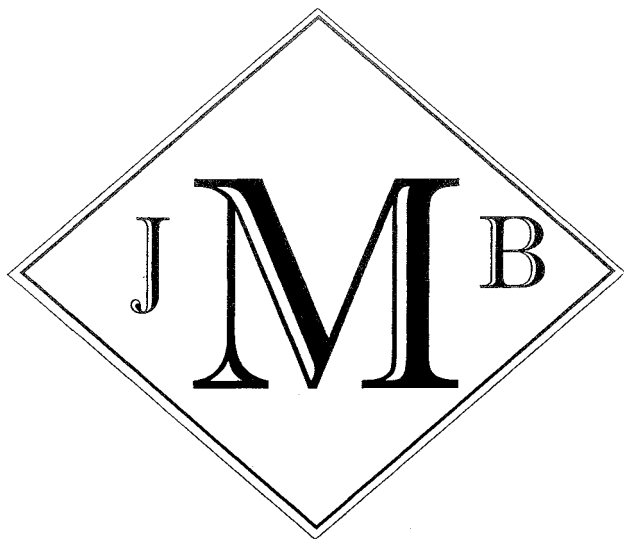
Then he said, "But his mind was wandering and he had the idea that I was trying to give him sea water to poison him and finish him off . . . and he wouldn't drink . . . I was too weak to force him."

Then the airman cried and beat his pillow in frustration and said, "Oh, if only he had drunk the water I offered him . . . he could have lived!"

There is One who stands today saying to men and women everywhere and perhaps to you, "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

But first one has to admit he needs it!

"Release From Phoniness" - By Arnold Prater - Pages 35-36



LET ME INTRODUCE A NEW MAN

Eph. 4:22-24

I. One reason for the inspiration of Christianity is its eternal newness.

A. There is the New Birth.

John 3

B. Forthwith comes a new man.

Eph. 4:22-24

C. Finally goes to heaven where all things are new. *Christian is to be learned - it is*

Rev. 21 *not in bred knowledge - come by world*

II. In this lesson we see a phase of the New

Man. *Truth apart from person of Christ has little*

A. He is a product of teaching. *power - see it*

Eph. 4:21 "If so be that ye have heard *"in Jesus" work*

1. You were taught to put off certain things

✓ (a) "The old man"

Christ is with His (1) Means worn out, decrepit, useless

students - (2) Put him off like a garment.

Plato's gone. (3) Old man was ever corrupted and grew continuously worse.

(4) Here are some descriptions of old man:

Rom. 13:22 ~~works of darkness~~

Heb. 12:1 Encumbrances *wt sin*

James 1:21 Filthiness - excess of evil

I Pet. 2:1 Malice & craft

(b) Former Conversation

(1) Manner of life.

- (2) Barclay speaks of our wantonness, our preparedness for every pleasure
- (3) He also said we had a disposition of the soul incapable of bearing the pain of discipline.
- (4) Displays it - sin so grips him he's lost to decency & shame.

(c) Deceitful lust

- (1) A craving, passionate desire, unlawful wish for that which belongs to another.
- (2) "They are deceitful in that they promise joys and gains they cannot grant." Tyndale
- (3) Barclay speaks of our losing every natural shame & reverting to being a beast.
- (d) It makes a big difference what you are taught.

Jn. 16:14

I Cor. 3:17

Isa. 63:10

Heb. 13:20-21

*lusts for:
power
money
pleasure -
all are
deceitful
tyrants*

*Sin disintegrates
Sin dissolves*

- (1) Abe Lincoln asked a man to vote for him. He said, "I'd sooner vote for the devil."
Lincoln ans., "I'm sure you would but in case your friend doesn't run, vote for me."

2. You were taught to renew also.

(a) Speaks of the "spirit of your mind" - used only here in N.T.

(b) Do you fill your mind c spiritual thoughts? Do you believe in the power of pure thinking & meditation?

(c) Westcott says 2 things are necessary to the formation of Christian character

(a) Continuous progressive renewal of our highest faculty.

(b) Decisive acceptance of our new man. *Urban Renewal or inward renewal!*

B. Your ambition is to put on the new man.

1. Facts about him *Moral not legal condition*

(a) He's new in point of quality as *is one in gr - he is 2 Chr.!* opposed to the outworn, says West.

(b) Ellicott says the putting off & putting on is a distinctively complex act, the renewing is continuous.

2. He is "after God".

(a) He's what God is.

3. He's created in righteous & true holiness

(a) Does your life reflect these qualities?

(b) Righteousness & holiness come from following the truth of God.

Col. 3:10 "Put on the new man which

III. Let me then see my task!

Truth never deceives - just does
image - created
 Righteousness in every place, every relation, with every body at all times

A. Listening to word of truth I.

1. Put off the old man once and for all with his

(a) Former conversation

(b) Deceitful lusts

(c) Erroneous teaching

2. Renew the Spirit of my mind and put on the new man who is

(a) After God

(b) Created in righteousness & true holiness.

(c) Begotten by word of truth

B. Who will accept the challenge of the full life--

1. Believe in Jesus

Acts 16:31

2. Repent of sins

Acts 17:30

3. Be baptized into Him

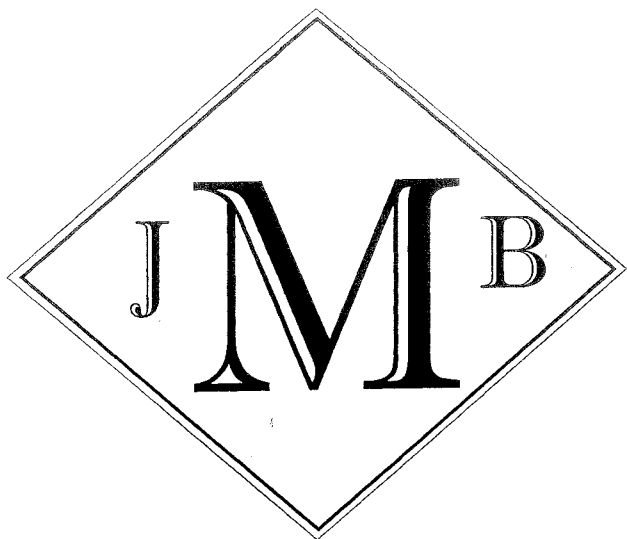
Gal. 3:26-27

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WHO IS A LIAR?

Eph. 4:24-25

Rev. 21:7-8

I. Recently in a joint Presidential request assembled the U.S. Congress.

A. As President Obama was speaking and outlining his program, Congressman Joe Wilson screamed at the President the accusation "you are a liar." The nation was shocked at the behavior of this South Carolian.

B. From that moment until now with a statement of disapproval from Congress citizens have evaluated the event.

C. Strongly felt is a disrespect for the President.

1. It has been stated this was out of order. The representative apologized and the President accepted it graciously.

2. But I've heard no report on whether it was both incivility but was it error?

II. Surely lying is a Biblical subject. May this event open the door for study.

A. May I say first there exists liars and the Bible nails them.

1. First and foremost the DEVIL does-
John 8:44-47.

a) Started with Eve.

Gen. 3:3 "Tree don't eat, touch, die."

Gen. 3:4 "Ye shall not surely die."

b) Do you know the results?

2. Prophets and false teachers lie.

Jer. 23:14 "Commit adultery and walk in lies."

a) It goes together.

b) Disgraced TV preachers.

Rom. 1:24-25 (changed truth) thru V-33.

3. Cretians (Titus 1:12-16)

4. Hananiah (Jer. 28:13-17)

5. Some depart (I Tim. 4:1-5)

6. Ananias (Acts 5:1-5; Pro. 12:19
Moment)

a) Are we honest in our gifts?

b) Does our wife cooperate in discretion?

7. Behavior patterns make liars -
(Eph. 4:24-25 NEW)

a) Hates his brethren.

I John 4:20 "If a man say 'I love God and hates his brother, he is a liar.'"

4:21 "This commandment have we from him."

b) We say we have not sinned.

I John 1:10 "If we say we have not sinned."

1:9 "If we confess our sins he is faithful."

c) If we deny Jesus.

I John 2:22 "Who is a liar but he that denieth that."

d) He that believes not on the Son of God.

I John 5:10 "He that believeth on the Son of God."

e) The disobedient are liars.

I John 2:4 "He that saith I know him, and keepeth not his commandments."

f) Lie against the truth.

James 3:14-18

g) Dishonest lie (1 chicken on scales).

Lev. 19:11-14 "Ye shall not steal, deal falsely, lie."

Col. 3:8-9 "Put off: anger, wrath, malice - Ps. 31:18.

h) Impossible for God to lie - Ps. 119:163.

Heb. 6:18 "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie."

a) He'll keep his promise - Prov. 6:16-19.

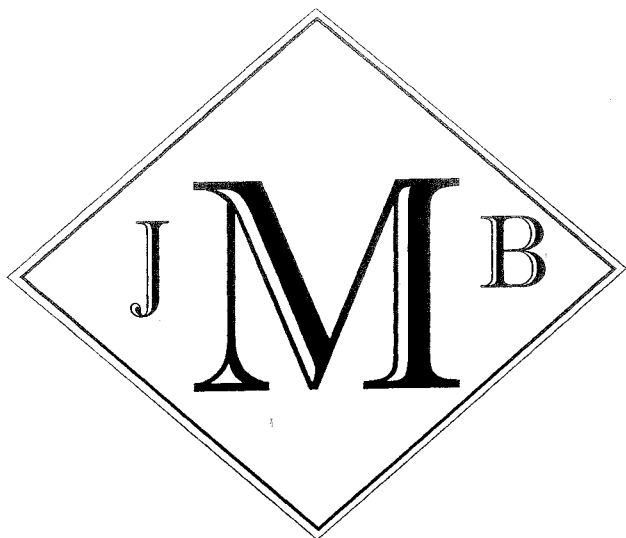
b) His word is eternally true.

B. Destiny of liars--lake fire and brimstone.

Rev. 21:7-9 "He that overcometh shall
inherit all things."

Jesus - way, truth, light vs. style,
lie, death.

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(Murray, KY)



REALLY, WHAT IS OUR HIGH CALLING?

Eph. 5:1-2

I. More than likely we have either seen or experienced times when we had no idea what we were doing.

A. ~~New job.~~ (How long have you been a carpenter? Last 3 hours).

B. ~~New game~~ - learned gradually.

C. ~~We ate at W.E. by number~~ - we had various plates as it represented food intake in various societies.

II. The Christian does not have this stumbling experience - he knows precisely what he is to do. Let's review it.

Eph. 5:1-2 "Be ye therefore followers of"

III. My current assignment.

A. Be ye therefore followers of God.

1. We've just had a ~~needed~~ lesson on forgiveness.

Eph. 4:32 "And be ye kind one to"

a) ~~Ever thought what kindness would do in a home?~~

(1) Lane Adams card. #1

(2) Have no home qt. #2

b) ~~Tenderhearted~~

c) ~~Forgive~~ - as God for Christ's sake has you.

(1) Forgive because God has forgiven us - what a feeling!

(2) Lincoln card. #3

(3) Bill Clinton letter. #4

2. ~~Followers of God~~

a) Imitator

b) Mimic

- c) Imitate every good thing God does.
- d) We impersonate others - assume their gait, speech, carriage.
 - (1) Play with dolls to become little mothers.
 - (2) Imitate Dad even to job.
 - (3) Two things only children will share willingly:
communicable diseases and mother's age.
 - (4) Churchill quote. #5
- e) ~~God real to you?~~
 - (1) Words worth. #6
 - (2) Nagel #7
 - (3) Johnson #8

B. We do it as dear children.

- 1. Children should be like their fathers.
- 2. We copy our parents - ~~what type of models are we?~~
- 3. ~~In what atmosphere are we rearing our children?~~
 - a) Home threat. #9
 - b) Crown of Home. #10
 - c) Real home quote. #11
- 4. ~~Children need guidance!~~
 - a) Sweet as a girl. #12
 - b) Schumann - Heink #13
 - c) Best way to keep children at home is to make the home atmosphere pleasant - and let the air out of their tires. (Dorothy Parker)

C. Secondly, we are to walk in love.

1. We imitate God in love.
2. Our entire conduct is marked by selfless love.
3. Every act of life is dictated by love to God and man.
4. What's the most expensive thing for our families? *Absence of love!*
 a) Statistical Bureau. #14
 b) Small wonder accidents in the home run so high. People aren't spending enough time there to know their way around. -
 Changing Times

5. ~~Our example - as Christ loved us.~~
 (ACC Card) #15

- a) Note easy transfer from Father to Son via Spirits teaching.
- b) His a giving love.
 - (1) Jesus gave up all of Heaven's glory to save us.
 - (2) He found more pleasure in the Cross than in Heaven as he opened the way for us.
 (Lipscomb)
 - (3) All that he was as God and became as man he gave us.
 - (4) Specifically directed it -
 "for us." It means more than in our behalf - rather in our room, stead.

c) ~~Offering & sacrifice~~

- (1) Perhaps some technical difference but in reality he shows the complete sufficiency of what he gave.
- (2) ~~Do we try to save anybody?~~
~~What sacrifice do we make for others?~~
- (3) Halverson card. #16

d) Sweet smelling savor.

- (1) Offering, grateful to God.
- (2) Noah gave such.

Royal Oak Church, Detroit, MI - 12/6/87

Bethel church, Joelton, TN - 1/29/89

40th & Hazel, Pine Bluff, AR -(B.C.) - 3/5/89

Palo Alto - Panama City, FL -(B.C.) - 3/12/89

"I will try to walk a blameless path, but how I need your help, especially in my own home, where I long to act as I should."
(Ps. 101:2 TLB) I identify with those honest and straightforward words of the Psalmist.

Home

#1

A number of years ago there was a popular song whose words reflected the negative side of what the Psalmist said. It went like this: "You always hurt the one you love, the one you shouldn't hurt at all. You always take the sweetest rose and crush until the petals fall." It is a sad irony that this is so frequently true. Out of ego needs, we put our best foot forward for the people we care the least about, and our worst foot forward for the people who mean the most to us. The old Pennsylvania Dutch saying, "Vee iss too soon oldt, and too late schmartt!"

"How Come It's Taking Me So Long to Get Better?"

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By Lane Adams - Page 132

Home Sweet Home

X
#2
A family had difficulty finding a house to rent in a new city. They were living in a hotel until they could find a permanent residence.

In the lobby one day, another guest said to the little girl, "It's too bad you haven't a home."

The alert child answered, "Oh, but we do have a home. All we need is a house to put it in."

Mrs. H.R.

New Milford, Conn.

When a wanderer is brought into fellowship, the restoration should be complete. President Lincoln was asked how he intended to treat the rebellious Southerners once they were defeated and returned to the union of the United States, Lincoln said, "I whall treat them as if they had never been away."

#3

BUILDING PEOPLE - Bubna and Ricketts - P. 135

Dear Valda:

I appreciate your letter concerning my choice of words at the recent Big Brothers/Big Sisters Toast and Roast of Congressman Tommy Robinson. Please accept my apologies for the offensive nature of my words.

Alexander Pope once said, "To swear is neither brave, polite, nor wise."

Again, your kind words of advice are greatly appreciated as I intend to be more careful in the future.

Sincerely,


Bill Clinton

BC/rws

Chas. L. Allen #12
There's nothing so sweet as a girl- Dainty and
tender and whimsical, too loving and lovable, eager
to please - questioning, longing, expectant and true -
no flower ever fairer than is one of these - there's
nothing so sweet as a girl!-

Unless it's a boy!

There's nothing so fine as a boy- Sturdy and lovable,
valiant and strong - noisy and mischievous, daring
and bold - loyal and faithful to his right or wrong-
caveman and savage, and then knight of old - there's
nothing so fine as a boy -

Unless it's a girl!

HOME FIRES -Chas. L. Allen - p. 85

WHAT IS HOME?

#13

The late Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink, who sang her way into the hearts of the world, wrote this description of home:

"A roof to keep out the rain.
Four walls to keep out the wind.
Floors to keep out the cold. Yes,
but home is more than that. It is
the laugh of a baby, the song of a
mother, the strength of a father.
Warmth of loving hearts, light
from happy eyes, kindness,
loyalty, comradeship.

"Home is the first school, and
the first church for young ones,
where they learn what is right,
what is good, and what is kind.
Where they go for comfort when
they are hurt or sick. Where joy
is shared and sorrow eased.
Where fathers and mothers are
respected and loved. Where
children are wanted. Where the
simplest food is good enough for
kings because it is earned.
Where money is not so impor-
tant as loving-kindness. Where
even the teakettle sings from
happiness. That is home. God
bless it."

According to the Statistical Bureau in Washington, D. C., we spend more on the maintenance of our homes than on any ^{#14} other single item. Rent, interest, mortgage payment, utilities, repairs, furnishings, equipment that is needed for the operation of the home, and taxes rank first in expenditures. The larger the income, the more expensive the things that are purchased. One man said, "The higher the standard of living, the more ways there are of becoming poor." At every level of income, the fact remains that home expenditures occupy first place.

"Americans Speak Out" - By Charles E. Blair - Page 11

Home

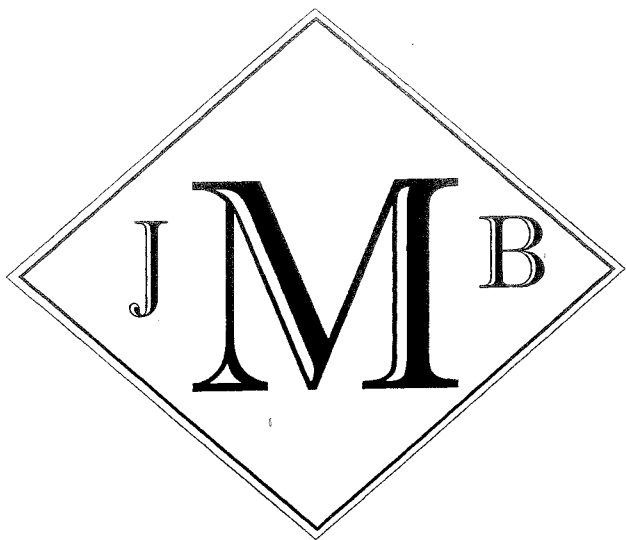
But what did the Lord say about himself, his mission on earth and his power? During his earthly life he ^{#15} made a number of claims. Nine times he claimed to have the authority of God. ¹² ~~Twenty~~ times it is said that he affirmed to the Son of God. Thirty-three times he declared that he was sent forth from God. Thirty-one times he said he was the Messiah of whom the prophets wrote. Five times he claimed he will be the judge of the nations when the ages shall have consummated. In the ^{7th} ~~forty-seventh~~ verse of the ~~twelfth~~ chapter of John the Lord said that he came to save the world. More than 100 times the resurrection of the dead is mentioned directly in the N.T. and 7 times Jesus affirmed tht he would rise from the dead. In this latter claim came true his other claimes cannot be doubted and he can save to the uttermost; for the

same power that can change the leper's spot or break the king's seal on the grave stone, liberating the imprisoned body, can purify the soul made crimson of sin. Did Jesus arise from the dead? The Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John affirm that he did and that he is alive again. Did they falsify or did they relate the truth?

ACC Lebtures 1922-23 - The Christ of Calvary -p.245-246

Some years ago I heard Dr. Richard Halverson say #16
"when people are in the right relationship with God
and with one another evangelism happens spontaneously,
consistently, and almost effortlessly."

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WHO IS AND WHO ISN'T GOING TO HEAVEN

Ephesians 5:1-10

I. I know who is and who isn't going to Heaven.

- A. What an audacious statement!
- B. Who made you Judge & Jury?
- C. And before such accusations of bigotry I'm supposed to wilt.
- D. Still--I know who is and who isn't--
those going "do what is acceptable"--
those not "do what's not acceptable".
 - 1. Life styles do matter.
 - 2. God's told me the one He wants--
let's look at it. *like Circle-Clock*
 - 3. It's in a passage filled with contrast.

Eph. 5:1-10

II. We start & close the passage with those who are going to Heaven.

Eph. 5:1 "Be ye therefore followers of God".

- A. Cruel chapter division.
- B. Carries over injunctions from previous chapter.
- C. Closes with be forgiving as God for Christ's sake forgave you.
- D. I left sin and became a follower of God.
 - 1. Be imitators of God.
 - 2. Exort to mutual love--God loved you, therefore imitate Him.
 - 3. "Practical religion is the imitation of God."
 - 4. Resemble Him in every grace.
 - 5. He is holy, merciful, forgiving--
you do the same.

6. "Dear Children"--and don't children grow up wanting to be like their father?

a) I walked in his shoes.

b) I drove like he did in play time.

E. Nothing higher than walking in love.

v-2 "Walk in love as Christ also hath"

1. If love is the essence of God's nature, it is the essential of the Christian character.

2. "Law cannot forget its rights any more than love can forget its compassion." (Wesley)

3. Love led Christ to become:

a) Offering = to bring.

b) Sacrifice--love to this point.

(1) He gave himself not for the holy & innocent but the sinful and wicked.

(2) Not for friends but for enemies.

(3) He was pure and holy.

c) Sweet smelling savour.

(1) Odor occurs over 40X in sacrificial content of the Pentateuch.

(2) Indicates God's acceptance of the sacrifice.

Gen. 8:21

Lev. 1:9

:13

:17

4. Thus he epitomizes the Christian behavior pattern as a life of love.

5. This describes the first phase of those going to Heaven.

III. Now we come face to face with those who aren't. The word "But" contrasts it.

A. He lists 6 false & fatal ingredients of the wayward life style.

B. Fornication first on list.

1. Well it should be with the immorality of Eph. as a seacoast town.

2. "Follow me" in scandals of prostitutes

3. Brothel one of its major buildings.

4. Can't entwine filthy lusts and a holy love.

5. Porneia was tolerated in the permissive pagan society of Paul's day--Christ's teaching was a new call!

6. Uncleanness is its filthy buddy.

C. After Fornication & Uncleanness he names Covetousness, *mixed company*

1. What is it?

a) "Covetousness is the seeking of earthly goods with the neglect of Heavenly things."

b) It is striving after wealth & sinfully holding on to it.

c) It grieves more over the loss of property than the loss of God's favor. (Baine)

d) It is the immoderate desire of gain, insatiable love of riches. (Scott)

e) It makes a god of what it seeks to possess. (Expositors)

*The itch to
get your hands
on what
belongs to
other people
Philips
Ruthless
greed WEB*

2. Elwell says we frown on sex but accept greed.
3. He'll have more to say but even here "let it not be one name among us as becometh saints."
 - a) Some aberrations not only to be avoided but even mentioned.
 - b) Detest these things to highest degree--not even named.
 - c) Exclude the thought as well as the act.

D. Next Filthiness

Course

1. It is unseemly gestures and behavior.
2. Wash out our mouths with soap.
3. Obscenity is filthy language.

E. Next is Foolish Talking.

But Honesty

1. Obscenity, foolish talk, coarse joking only here in N.T. *stupid*
2. Wonder how God feels about Home Box Office? *stupid*
3. This is stupid chatter & silly twaddle.
4. NEB has flippancy talk.

F. Now Jestings, *double meaning of jokes, smut*

1. Unseemly talk that usurps the place of praise. *Flippant*
2. Filth combined with witty repartee.
3. It's wittiness and immoral pleasantries.
4. Words obscene & sensual. (John G. Williams)
5. "Our speech reveals the true condition of our heart." (Meyers)
6. Not convenient = befitting.

Suggestive

these are not for you



(beneath you)

wholly out of place

Note

7. Let thanks absorb and replace jesting.

F. "And if there was any question"--

v-5 "For this ye know that no whoremonger"

1. No inheritance.

a) No room in the Kingdom for those who blantly continue in sin.

b) Gives several reasons for refusing lustful way--

(1) You have no inheritance.

(2) Bring down the wrath of God on the children of disobedience.

(3) Consider your holy obligation.

2. Let no man deceive with vain words--empty words.

a) Some will say the Christian standards are too high.

b) Sophists say these things are natural, venial, peccadillos.

c) You are born gay.

d) Some go house to house peddling their false words.

e) Thus he is against gross acts of sin and also against what some make light of and think they are excusable.

3. Don't partake--don't get mixed up with those who have excluded themselves from the Kingdom via their immorality.

*of this
you may
be sure*

*Broad
Magg Johnson
Porter*

IV. Now he makes the circle and returns to encourage those who are going.

A. Contrast of darkness & light.

1. Once we were in darkness but left it.
2. Walk as children of light.
3. Now we are light and live in it.
4. Be as distinctive from the world as light is from darkness.
- 5. "This little light of mine" vs "I'm a little twilight"--no you aren't!

B. Fruit: Goodness, Righteousness, Truth

1. Fruit--light is known by its effects--as lilies turn to it we noticed in driving to see Nash.
2. Then there is a proper lifestyle as surely as there is a damnable one.
- 3. He will name the natural products of light.
 - a) Goodness--achievement of moral excellency combined with a generous spirit.
 - b) Righteousness--giving all their dues.
 - c) Truth--genuine and honest.

C. Finally Search for the Acceptance.

1. Find out what is well pleasing and test as you would metal.
- 2. Discover by examination.
- 3. We will always be striving to ascertain the will of God in every situation so that we may satisfy Him.
- 4. Dread & avoid whatever displeases God.

5. Search the Scriptures to find the acceptable.
6. Live in these glorious things.

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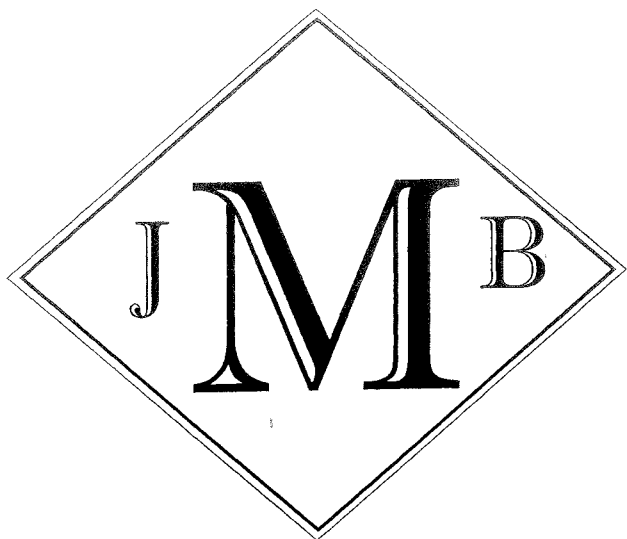
economically, militarily and materially so good? Why amidst this prosperity and security are enormous numbers of people—almost 70 percent of the public—saying that we are off track? This paradox is described in the Scottish author John Buchan's work. Writing a half-century ago, he described the "coming of a too garish age, when life would be lived in the glare of neon lamps and the spirit would have no solitude." Here is what Buchan wrote about his nightmare world:

In such a [nightmare] world everyone would have leisure. But everyone would be restless, for there would be no spiritual discipline in life.... It would be a feverish, bustling world, self-satisfied and yet malcontent, and under the mask of a riotous life there would be death at the heart. In the perpetual hurry of life there would be no chance of quiet for the soul.... In such a bagman's paradise, where life would be rationalised and padded with every material comfort, there would be little satisfaction for the immortal part of man.

I once knew a Christian
He had a pious look
He had been totally immersed
Except his pocket book
He'd put a nickel in the plate
And then with might & main
He'd sing when we ascended
It gave me inward pain

Disrespectful forward - named
temptations for Christians

1. Materialism
2. Pride
3. Self centeredness
4. Laziness
5. Anger/Bitterness
5. Tie & Sexual Lust
6. Envy
7. Gluttony & Lying



LIFE IN THE LIGHT

Eph. 5:8-10

I. Is anything definite any more? Is it all a motley mixture? Do all the lines run together? Is life a foggy blur?

A. As long as there is light & darkness I know:

1. There are absolutes.
2. There are contrasts.
3. There are expectations.

Eph. 5:8-10 "For ye were sometimes darkness

B. I want to see 5 things or 34 words

1. What once I was
2. What now I am
3. What is my obligation
4. What are my fruits
5. How keen is my discrimination.

II. What once I was

Eph. 5:8 "For ye were sometimes darkness

A. We were darkness

1. Darkness makes no lasting contribution
2. Final - your participation in sin is over. Ye were darkness. e) Ave. Prot. church gives away 21%

2) 200,000 unwanted Teenage births - 1972
2 million abortions "clip on take over" (page 92)

b) VD up 16%, 2 million treated cases, one out of 20 females.

c) LA Times 1972 - church growth at stand still, most churches at loss, Catholics down 11%

d) 1990s Ave gift - 1978 national world benevolences

B. God left some light - note it was our lives not our environment that was dark.

water that does not flow outwards & dead sea.

- C. Properties of darkness unpleasant *whether he goeth,*
John 12:35 "He that walketh in darkness knoweth not
2 Cor. 6:14 What communion hath light & darkness
1. Fear *Be not unequally yoked together... right.*
2. Discomfort *→ Airplane dip ... what part*
3. Danger

III. What now I am *For God, who commanded the*
Eph. 5:8 "But now are ye light in the

- A. If I'm light it puts me in good company: God,
Christ, Christians. *2 Cor 4:6 Liket knowledge*
1 John 1:5 "God is light & in him is no ... *21 24*
1 Tim. 6:16 "Who only hath immortality *Blessed only P.*
Matt. 5:14 Ye are the light of the world *dwelling in life*

- B. Transformation has occurred in the Lord *City*
Acts 26:18 "To open their eyes & to turn them from
2 Cor. 4:6 "For God who commanded ... *hath shined*
Col. 1:13 "Who hath delivered us from ... *in whom we*
2 Cor. 5:17 "If any man be in Christ

1. You could readily tell one how to get in Christ,
huh?
2. Vital - in him are all spiritual blessings.

- C. We are now light
Matt. 5:14 "Ye are the light of the world
Rom. 13:12 "Let us cast off the works of darkness
1 Pet. 2:9 "But ye are a chosen *gen'tus put on 28m*
1. Light we can't defile. *royal pr.; holy nation; pec-people*
2. Light is innocent - it injures nothing - even *that ye should show forth*
campus lights. *praise*
3. Light is refining.

1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light

which has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance^{3.}
Col. 1:12 "Giving thanks unto the Father which

Ps. 97:11 "Light is sown for the rt.

1 Thess. 5:5 "Ye are all children of light & children of
we are not of the night, nor of darkness

4. White's power - laser

No Resist - no diminishing of search

4. Change is radical - no twilight - RC Bell

IV. What Is My Current Obligation?

Eph. 5:8 "Walk as children of light

A. What does this mean? - (Put is slower group)

1. Pursue daily life in accordance c new nature.

Eph. 4:1 "I therefore the prisoner of the Lord beseech

2. Constantly urged to do right

3. Must be consistent - if light, walk in it!

Phil. 2:15 That ye may be blameless & honest

4. Walk = to order one's behavior, to conduct one's self.

5. Verb shows it's to be done habitually.

6. Children = born one. SAINT VS SNAIL

7. Walk constantly, consistently, & convincingly.

Snail ^{33 mph} goes after something 33 millionth of
M.P.H., comes back slower, might wear out
motor 1/25 millionth of one horse power.

9. Letter in pocket - Button off

B. Others are to see for 2 money

1. No mandate to be recluses but to shine

2. World needs to see Chr. at work.

V. What Are My Fruits.

Eph. 5:9 "For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodn

A. Should this be fruit of spirit or fruit of light?

1. Perhaps light is better
2. Note it is in all our works.
3. Christian morality is positive too. It is to show a contrasting life style.

B. What are the Fruits? (No eggs but all seats taken - must produce)

1. Goodness
 - (a) Goodness adds to moral uprightness & integrity the attractiveness of a beautiful character.
 - (b) We alleviate trouble
 - (c) We do good
 - (d) We are good
 - (e) Active, beneficence
 - (f) Love in practical benevolence.
 - (g) Jesus went about doing good.
 - (h) Japan - 506 pastors, now 2577 - 754 judo
 - (i) Bez D. writes every response at W.E.

2. Righteousness.

Phil. 1:11 "Being filled with the fruits of r.

Heb. 12:11 "Now no chastening for the present... yields

Isa. 61:3 "That they might be called trees of rt. ...
the planting of the word that he mite be glorified

1) ~~Rooster house - no eggs but seats are taken.~~

3. Truth - *little red truck 2 way mirror?*

- (a) Christian is a pellucid character - he appears as he is & what he is appears - truth!
- (b) Truth is not something to be known only but to be done
- (c) Does not mean veracity alone but a reality behind it. *D. Wipscorn*
- (d) Acted falsehoods are excluded. *Born-Pigg*
- (e) It's inward & outward harmony.

VI. How keen are my powers of discrimination.

Eph. 5:10 "Proving what is acceptable"

A. Define this action

- 1. All decisions based on the will of God
- 2. You think carefully & discriminate.
- 3. You have the responsibility of that & choice
Rom. 12:2 "But be ye transformed by"
Isa. 8:20 "To the law & to the testimony" *if the speak not*
2 Jn. 9 "Whosoever transgresseth & abideth *not*"
- 4. Purchase something only if it stands the test of life
- 5. Prove = test purpose of approving. Try every case by full light.
- 6. Don't take world's deeds as guide, not "everybody does it" but God wants it.

B. We must want the acceptable

- 1. It means well pleasing
- 2. Don't please self but God.

Gal. 1:10 "If I yet pleased men, I should not *be the servant*"

2 Cor. 5:9 "Wherefore we labor that whether"

- 3. Avoid what displeases God
- 4. Pleasing is a sacrificial term, believer's life to be an offering to God

5. It is action by the touch - stone of God's will.

6. Not by peer, pappy, or power, but by the Prince.

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Galloping Cleverness Won't Save Us

By JENKIN LLOYD JONES

A FEW WEEKS ago my friend, Charles H. Crutchfield, president of the Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting Co. of Charlotte, made a speech to the student body of a North Carolina college.

He regaled the young audience with the not-unfamiliar statistics about the explosion of knowledge—the fact that the whole sum of scientific learning may quadruple by the time a child born this morning leaves college. The speaker added that when that child is 50, if present trends hold, the accumulation of knowledge will be 32 times as great and that 97 per cent of everything known will have been learned since he was born.

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THEN CRUTCHFIELD held out the golden apples of the future—almost certain conquest of cancer, novel and perhaps limitless sources of energy, the rich exploitation of the ocean floors, easier work, probable weather control and so on. And in the dim light of the dawn of genetics, some think they can already see how human beings can be artificially reproduced with “desirable” characteristics.

But here Crutchfield held up a warning hand. Without a stronger spiritual commitment than most of the peoples of the world are presently exhibiting and without a substantial return to ancient ethical principles, the explosion of knowledge could bring us

thunderbolts. In short, discovery is assured, but value judgments are not.

If we set to work today constructing dirty atom bombs, we could expunge all life on earth three weeks hence.

If we cannot learn better how to find order without repression and freedom without chaos, our children will live, if they live at all, under repression or in chaos.

Since the thaw with China, we have been hearing a lot of rhapsodic balderdash from ultraliberals about the marvels of the country of Mao. So clean, when it was once so dirty. So honest, where bribes and cumshaw used to reign. So free of narcotics, except for export. So united and purposeful, as against the day when rival warlords ravaged the land.

But these marvels are not so mysterious, after all. The men of Mao executed about 20 million people, some 2.5 per cent of the population. Millions more were “re-educated” with a vengeance.

If we could execute 2.5 per cent of Americans, or 5 million, the results would be equally marvelous. Our jails and prisons would be emptied. The mentally deficient and chronically deranged would vanish. We would even be able to take a considerable bite out of the perpetual poor.

The recently emerged American clique for the ways-of-Mao would be appalled by such a solution to our problems, as should we all be. But their contradictions apparently haven't hit them.

For these are the same people who be-

lieve that an American should be able to murder eight nurses without suffering death, that heavy sentences for American dope pushers are inhuman and that the American who chooses to live off the labor of others is not a bum but merely a philosopher who “marches to a different drummer” and eschews the “work ethic.”

It might be well for them to wonder what percentage of those who toil in the broiling sun building levees along the Yangtze do so purely for the love of the sage sayings in Mao's little red book.

When the New Left and the crazies took college campuses by storm four years ago, they exercised plenty of value judgments. They had no trouble deciding when to block a street, burn an armory, drive a speaker from the campus and fill the college newspaper with obscenities. It was only when timid college administrations belatedly attempted to draw some lines that value judgments were denounced as tyranny.

That may be our trouble: A confusion of value judgments.

The totalitarian left demands two rights: the right to assail and the right not to be opposed.

The Mafia, of course, has its own value judgments, enthusiastically enforced.

The “liberals” applauded handing the Pulitzer Prize to those who published secret information stolen from those whom they disliked, and equally applauded Draconian prison sentences levied against those who tried to steal secret information from those

they favored.

As Charles Crutchfield pointed out to the North Carolina collegians, the explosion of knowledge isn't going to save us if we don't get a little clearer picture of our values.

Lines of behavior must be drawn, even if they involve close questions and possible error. Only a billionth of an inch separates a true strike from a true ball, but if someone doesn't try to call it there is no ball game.

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AT THE TIME of Julius Caesar, the empire of the Ptolemies was rich in knowledge and utterly corrupt. Rome whacked it off the limb like a rotten apple. At the same time, the Germanic tribes had no knowledge at all but some common-sense chiefs and a certain rude justice. Eventually they overran Rome.

Our galloping cleverness is wonderful. But it will take something else to save mankind.

Temporary inconvenience

Secretary on phone: “Our automatic answering device is being repaired. This is a person speaking.”

Rapid City, S.D. Norah

Light Can Cut Diamonds

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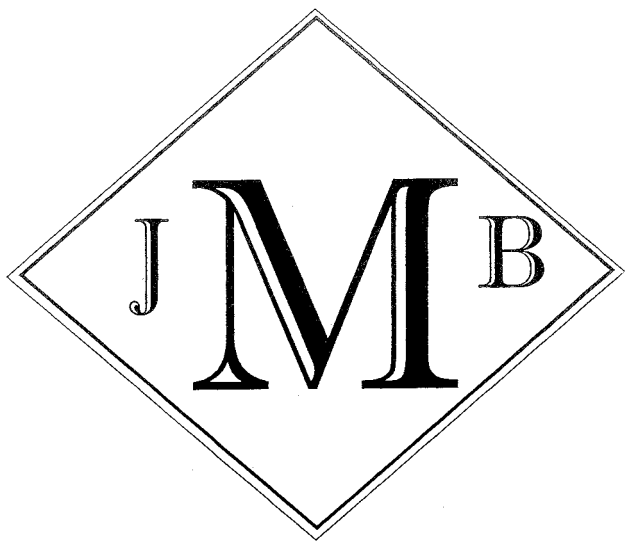
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TIME--THE PRECIOUS COMMODITY

Eph. 5:4-15

I. Dr. Hagan and Time.

A. Told me I had cancer--leading from Stage 1 to 4.

B. Said "You are going to ask me how much time do I have?" Pointed upward, "Only He knows that, I know I'll keep you comfortable."

1. At times I'd hope he'd remember his promise--yet richly blessed.

2. So--when do we see the preciousness of time--now or only emergencies?

II. Paul's Text--See Major Words

Eph. 5:15-17 "See that ye walk circumspectly"

A. Walk

1. 7X in Ephesians.

2. Embraces all our conduct & action.

B. Circumspectively

1. Means accurately, carefully.

2. Assumes there is a "manual" to let you know accuracy.

3. G. Campbell Morgan described it as seeing a beautiful flower garden, a high wall guards it, top of wall shards of glass, cat walks on it, watching each step, never cuts paw.

4. Lipscomb "Be sure your rules are the true kind."

5. Observe clear line of right as revealed in the word.

6. Keep a close watch on the principles that guide you.

7. Be sure of your conduct toward those without.

2.

C. Fools vs Wise

1. 2 classes of folk--Christ so divided the world--hear & do.

Matt. 7:24 *whoever heareth these sayings & doeth*

2. Fools are spiritually unwise.
3. Never time for spiritual things.
4. Einstein story.

D. Redeem

1. Market term meaning to "buy out" or "purchase completely."
2. Buying up the opportunity.
3. Buying out from other ownership.
4. Rescue the time lost to darkness when you walked in sun.
5. Pay the price in effort & exertion.
6. Vince Lombardi, "I never lost a game, just ran out of time on a few occasions."

E. Time

1. Means opportunity.
2. GK stature of opportunity--youth with wings on feet & back, long hair in front, bald in back.
3. Opportunity if grasped at all must be by the forelock.
4. Brief--soon slip by. (Life view card)
5. Wise conduct makes the most of the time as Christians seek every opportunity to do good.
6. Make the right use of time, fit time, God given opportunity.

7. "Use to the full"--NEB.
8. Don't let unwatchfulness pull you down.
9. Time short for us all.
10. The average person spends:
 - 6 years eating.
 - 11 years working.
 - 5 1/2 years washing & dressing.
 - 8 years in amusement.
 - 6 years walking.
 - 3 years reading.
 - 24 years sleeping.
 - 6 months worship.
 - 5 years traveling.
 - 3 years education.
11. "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is stuff life is made of." -- Benjamin Franklin
12. Sandburg clip.
13. Emerson clip.
- F. Evil--Days
 1. Conditions unfavorable to Christianity.
 2. Don't take as an excuse for relaxation but as an incentive for greater earnestness.
 3. Evil because forces & factors of this world are hostile to God.
 4. Urgent--days are evil.
 5. Sin the enemy of our seizing the opportunity.
- G. Be not unwise, but understand will of the Lord.

Matt. 13:19 *Hears word of the Kingdom... and not. C. S. Lewis*
 13:23 *Hears & understands - 100, 60, 30*

1. Primary consideration not financial profitability pleasure, honor, or greater personal advantage.
2. 1st concern--what does God want me to do?
3. This is wisdom's route.

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Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you.—CARL SANDBURG.

TIME ———— ” ————
One of the illusions of life is that the present hour is not the critical, decisive hour. Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year. He only is right who owns the day, and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded by worry, fret and anxiety. Finish every day, and be done with it. You have done what you could.

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Time
Early one afternoon, Albert Einstein was in the study of his home, mulling over a problem in physics with a colleague. Mrs. Einstein came in and suggested that they go out for a walk, and get some fresh air while carrying on their discussion. She told them to return at four, when she would serve tea.

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Outside, the two became engrossed once again in their problem and strolled aimlessly, oblivious to the passage of time. Four o'clock struck, then five and six. Frau Einstein, with an understanding shrug, cleared the table which she had set.

Finally, at seven, the two returned. They went to the dining room and saw the bare table.

“I guess we came back too early,” observed Einstein. “Let’s take another walk.”

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Life views

Life at the longest is amazingly short. The Bible uses several metaphors to convey just how brief it is.

Job says, "My life is wind" Job 7:7, and, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle" Job 7:6. Have you ever watched a weaver's shuttle? It moves so fast that you can't distinguish its movement. It's just a blur.

The psalmist compares life to a fading flower or a falling leaf: "As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone" Ps. 103-15-16

The writer of Chronicles says, "Our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding" 1 Chron. 29:15.

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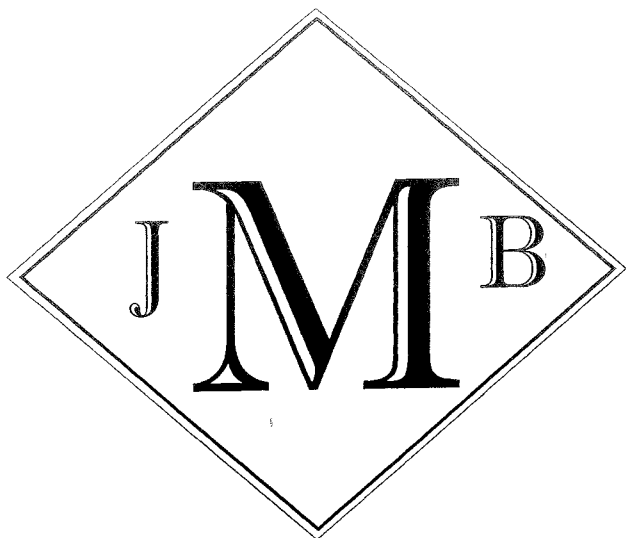
And Psalm 90:9 reminds, "We spend our years as a tale that is told."

James 4:14 asks, "What is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for alittle time, and vanisheth away."

Life is so short that the wood of the cradle rubs up tight against the marble of the tome.

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THREE GAITS OF THE CHRISTIAN'S WALK

Eph., 5:14-16

- I. It's quite obvious that the Christian is to walk in Christ Jesus (Col. 2:5-6).
- II. The part of this lesson is to see 3 of 7 times mentioned in the Book of Eph. the type of walk the Christian is to follow.

A. Worthy.

Eph. 4:1- "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech

1. The high calling of the Chr. carries with it very weighty responsibilities.

I Jn. 2:6 "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."

2. Scriptures always brings doctrine into the practical & moral.

I Thess. 2:12 "That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."

3. Prisoner.

a.) Nero?

b.) No, of the Lord.

c.) That appeal from such a prisoner ought to do something to you.

4. Beseech.

a.) Plead.

b.) Note "arrangement."

(1) Ask - same level.

(2) Command - superior.

(3) Beseech - below, inferior to superior.

(A lady who just had an accident yelled at someone,
 "Why don't you watch where you are going, you are
 the fourth car I have hit today."

5. Walk worthy of vocation.

a.) Walk 7X in Eph.

b.) Vocation, not sideline, but #1 calling.

c.) Vocation to holiness, service, sonship.

d.) Beare, "The place which God has appointed
 Christians in his plan of the ages.

6. Walk of character.

1 Thess. 4:12 "That ye may walk honestly toward them
 that are without, and that ye may have
 lack of nothing."

B. Walk Circumspectly.

Eph. 5:14-16 "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from

1. Awake.

a.) Men can walk & talk in their sleep but can't
 work in sleep - Criswell.

b.) Appeal to all of us - not just committee.

c.) Quote of Isa. 60:1 "Arise, shine; for thy light
 is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen
 upon thee."

d.) Vaugh said might be a baptismal hymn sung
 when one was raised from water.

2. Walk Circumspectly (Tell of the man who
 jumped to the ferry, only found it coming in).

a.) It means "look around "give attention to all
 circumstances as one might do in passing thru a
 dangerous place.

- b.) Vine, "Accuracy which is the outcome of carefulness."
 - c.) Thayer, "Deviating in no respect from the law of duty."
 - d.) "See" is weak - really a shouted "watch out!"
 - e.) Wuest, "Conduct accurate in respect to word of God." (Drive on rt. side of center line c great care.) (Genesis 13 tells how the Baptists started Abraham and Lot were in conversation and Lot said you go your way and I'll go mine.)
 - f.) Calvin, "Look closely at ourselves because men pardon themselves so easily."
(God might not take it so lightly!)
 - g.) Live in strict conformity to the standard.
 - h.) Guard against any impropriety.
- 2 Jn. 6 "And this is love, that we walk after his commandments."
- i.) Tell the story of being with Brother McLarty, an elder of the Holmes Road Church. I asked him where he worshipped as a teen-ager and in college--and he said, "You wouldn't know." He was a hard shell Baptist, his wife was a member of the church--he started reading his Bible to prove that she was wrong in the faith she held. Every time he would find a statement in the Bible that would meet her argument, he would put a slip of paper in it and keep reading his Bible, but later as he saw he had used those statements out of context he would pull the slip out of his Bible. When he got through reading his Bible, there weren't any slips in it--he was baptized into Christ.

3. Redeeming the Time because days are evil.

a.) I haven't to prove they are evil!

b.) I do wonder if we understand redemption!

c.) Facts on it:

(1) It's the present moment we are to redeem.

(2) The time is never perfect--always some handicap.

(3) Redeem means to get in marketplace, search out bargains & buy them (Hobbs). (Seize opportunity at a bargain - Green Hills adv. as it was 50 years ago - donuts 10¢ per dozen).

(Tell of the man whose store was burglarized - he said he was glad they didn't come a day earlier since he had just marked down everything 20%).

(4) Redeem is to buy up to one's advantage.

(5) Word for time is strategic, epoch making, opportune (Take advantage of all opportunities)

(6) Takes a wise man (Englishman saw Sahara - "What a desert" - American - "What a beach.")

(7) When the world's at its worst, the Christian should be at his best.

Col. 4:5 "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without

4. This the walk of accuracy.

C. Walk in Love.

Eph. 5:1 "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear to

1. God mimics. *→ only place satisfied*
learn in worship, meditation, obedience

a.) Imitate Him. *Force of example*

Matt. 5:48 "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father

b.) We've nothing to hide - we are at home in the daylight - morally as well as doctrinally.

Eph. 5:8 "Now are ye light in the Lord: walk as child

1 Jn. 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the

c.) Jesus our example. *(Smiles for the occasion)*

1 Jn. 3:16 "We ought to lay down our lives for the bre

Jn. 15:12 "This is my commandment, That ye love one

Gal. 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I l

2. Walk. *shows we can grow*

a.) Present tense denoting action that's habitual.

b.) Calling of God not a static one but out of evil to progressive holiness.

c.) Christian service is not 1 hr. of public worship.

d.) It's a daily moral responsibility.

3. Walk in Love.

a.) Agape (A child was asked why he kicked his brother in the stomach and he said because he turned around).

(In reviewing a theological dictionary, I found Agape as a noun was used 120 times, as a verb 130 times. These definitions were given:

1. Extends to entirety of man, not just emotions

2. We deliberately practice love - no one naturally loves his neighbor.

3. No matter what a man is like, God seeks for him his highest good.

4. It's unconquerable benevolence - invincible good-will.

5. It's seeking a man's highest good - but it may cause you to resist him, to punish him, even as you would a criminal or a child.

6. It is not vindictive.

7. God does not allow us to go unchecked.

8. We drive more away by hardness & ugliness than by doubts.

Eph. 1:7 "In whom we have redemption through his blood."

Jn. 14:15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

b.) Order your behavior in sphere of divine, supernatural love.

c.) Love the ruling principle of life.

d.) Christ the pattern in sacrifice & forgiveness.

1 Jn. 3:16 "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because..."

(1) We build bridges, not barriers.

(In Turkey a man riding his mule with his wife walking at his side was asked, "Why isn't your wife riding." He answered, "She ain't got no mule.")

(2) Operates on basis of service, not selfishness.

(3) "Grows always" - from babes to adults.

(4) Lover's bracelet at wedding "More than yesterday, less than tomorrow."

(5) God's not thru with me yet.

e.) It needs be an offering to please God & make the worshipper accepted.

f.) We strive for acceptable offering.

Gen. 8:21 "And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and..."

g.) Remember Christ died for us.

(1) Our atoning sacrifice.

Matt. 20:28 "Even as the Son of man came not to be served..."

(2) For us = in half of us, instead of us, substituted for us.

(3) He is our peace.

(4) God gives unconditionally His favors.

Rom. 6:4 "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism

Rom. 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them

Rev. 3:4 "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have

(5) He however does not love us

more than God.

(6) Christ offered

a) Himself - voluntarily - not blood
of others

b) for enemies (Rom 5:10)

c) To God - Sacrifice - death more
imp. than birth

WALKING IN LIGHT

Eph. 5:8-10

I. The foot fall of the Chr. strikes a most interesting path.

A. There is nowhere he walks I don't find inviting.

1. Not in terror.
2. Not in fear.
3. Not in uncertainty.
4. Nor danger.

B. Certainly not in darkness.

1. Once he did - before being a Chr.

Eph. 5:8 "For ye were sometimes dark.

2. What does this mean?

a.) You once embodied it.

b.) You shared deeds of evil.

c.) Note "were" - past tense, it's all over, behind you.

II. Now Are Ye Light.

A. 1st note tense - now are!

1. Light.

B. You are light.

1. So penetrating is truth that they are not just enlightened - they are light.

2. Light's visible in the Christian.

3. But also note they are "children of light."

4. This means the light comes from a source other than themselves - I'm not my own child - I have a father.

C. Walk.

1. Habitual.

2. Habitual conduct shows self as child of light.

John 8:12

3. Daily, constant action.

D. Light carries 3 Responsibilities.

1.) Walk - conduct conforms.

2.) Produce fruit of light - goodness, rt., truth.

3.) Reprove unfruitful works. Expose it. Reveal.

F. Fruits of Light.

1. Goodness.

a.) Relieves.

b.) Shows compassion.

c.) Patiently bears infirmities.

d.) Stresses kindness.

e.) Show benevolence - you want to help others.

f.) Clip - 2 puppies to play together.

g.) "Every charitable act is a stepping-stone toward heaven" - H. W. Beecher.

2. Righteousness.

a.) Regards rights of others.

b.) Gives God & man their dues.

c.) Upright dealing - no cheating in business.

d.) Observance of God's law in relationship to rights of others.

e.) Wilson on punishment - eyes - eyelids too.

f.) Lincoln on Kindness.

g.) Integrity - against all disorder & injustice - render all their due - especially God.

3. Truth.

a.) Sincerity too.

b.) Straightforwardness.

c.) Contrary to all fraud.

d.) Reverence for truth in every form - speak, act, hope, rejoice in it.

G. Prove what is acceptable unto the Lord.

1. Prove = put to test, like coins to see if genuine.

2. Their union c the Lord makes it all possible.

3. Whole qt. of life: what pleases God?

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Senator and later Secretary of State Cordell Hull was always a very cautious man; he was noted for his extreme accuracy of utterance. One day he was riding on a train through Montana when a companion pointed to a flock of sheep and said, "Those sheep have just been sheared."

Hull looked at the flock and said, "Yes. Sheared on this side at least."

One of Pres Woodrow Wilson's favorite stories was about a group of college professors at a certain university who were in the habit of meeting to consider any acts of misconduct on the part of the students. One afternoon they were talking about some such act by a certain student and one professor who insisted upon a severe punishment for the lad said, "After all, God has given us eyes."

"Yes," replied one of his colleagues with a kinder nature, "and eyelids!"

FAMOUS QUOTATIONS

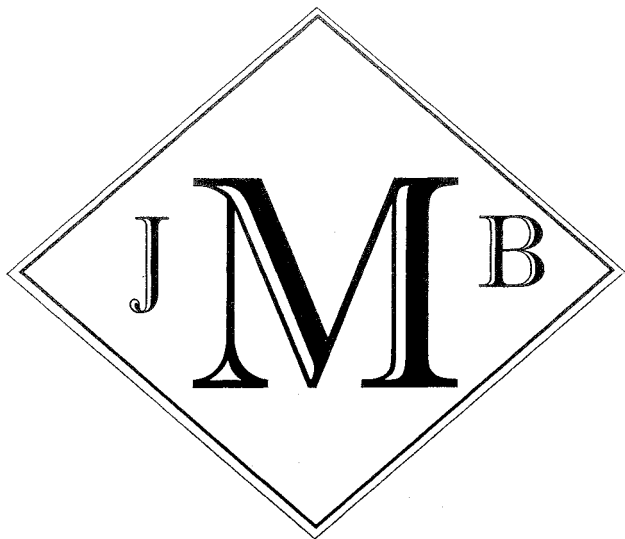
Kindness is the only service that will stand the storm of life and not wash out. It will wear well, look well and be remembered long after the prism of politeness or the complexion of courtesy has faded away.

When I am gone, I hope it can be said of me that I plucked a thistle and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow. — A LINCOLN.

Social Animal

THERE IS a delightful little story of a boy who went in to his mother and said, "Mother, I wish I was two little puppies so I could play together." He was expressing one of the fundamental laws of life. We live in a world of people and, to a large extent, our own happiness and satisfaction in life depend on our capacity to get along with people.

—Charles F. Kemp



MUSIC AND THE MASTER

Eph. 5:18-19

I. "Have you ever been to a church of Christ? They don't have a piano!"

A. That never bothers me - rather I'm complimented; but

B. "Have you ever been to a church of Christ - sometimes they sing like they were half dead." That bothers.

II. Purpose of the lesson is twofold: help my "outside" friend know why we sing; help my "inside" friend to at least act like he's alive, knowledgeable and engaged in praising God and teaching his fellowman. So let's get to the task in reverse order.

Eph. 5:18-19 "And be not drunk with wine"

III. The Absence of Drunkenness

2 Cor. 5:17 "If any man be in Christ..."

A. Wine *old things passed away... all things become*

1. Cult of Dionysius used wine, dancing and music in wild rites.

2. In things not religious today liquor:

a) Always belongs - oh, the booze they drink, moaned Howard Croft, Pres. of RR work.

b) Always shows people having a good time.

3. Is elation, fellowship & conviviality wrong?

4. No, question is what causes it?

a) Artificial joy with wine or the real thing with the Spirit.

- b) Elated by flesh or Spirit?
- c) Elation false or genuine, temporary or permanent.

B. Excess

1. When filled with wine we are "abandoned."
2. We are somebody else.
3. We are a different personality - "he was friendly - must have been drunk."
4. He is under the influence - and it's not of God. "There is a devil in every body of the group" Korean
5. Synonymous:
 - a) Riot
 - b) Recklessness
 - c) Debauchery
 - d) Debasement
 - e) Unbounded restraint
6. Alcohol opens the flood gates of inhibition to give entrance to every kind of evil. (Hobbs)
7. Less powerful drugs lead to more potent ones.

O the invisible spirit of wine
if thou hast
no name to be
known by
let us call
thee Devil
O Hell
Slitz Key
I've never had
a drink of
whiskey or
bottle of
Beer

IV. The Other Filling - Spirit

- Real I know
fun!
- A. This shows the genuine side of Joy and Happiness. Huxley card
1. God did not create us to be empty- we are vessels filled with something.
 2. Oddly, religion is the alternate to drunkenness.
 3. Christ abolishes the feeling of inferiority, loneliness.

4. You will be joyful.

5. Contrasts with those who feed their bodies more than their souls.

B. That with which we are filled is the Spirit of God.

1. Word pneuma

2. We get pneumatic and pneumonia.

3. You know you are filled with Him and so does everybody else - no "Vodka" drinking so no one can tell - no hiding of our union with Christ.

C. Some particulars of the Filling.

1. It is with His word.

Col. 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell"

2. Remember the sword and soldier are not the same thing.

Eph. 3:16 *to be strengthened c might by his S. in the inner*

Rom. 8:26 *The S. helpeth our infir. for we know not*

3. Spirit never works in contradiction to but always in conjunction with his written word. - Bell

4. It's plural.

a) All filled - all sing.

b) You all be filled.

c) Command for every believer.

d) Not the prerogative of Super saint.

5. Passive voice.

a) Let the Holy Spirit fill you - like filling an empty container put in water.

- b) Imperative mood.
- c) Something that happens to the subject.
- 6. Tense
 - a) Continually be filled.
 - b) It reoccurs as a happy experience. *But Can be stopped.*
 - c) Present - continuous action.
- 7. Filled
 - a) Never a command to be baptized. *c The Hly Spirit*
 - b) This was promised.
 - c) Word dwells in you.

~~Isa. 55:1~~

Ps. 81:10 *I am the Lord... open thy mouth wide, I will fill it*

- d) If baptized how could you fill what is already full?

V. Expressions of the Filling

A. Speaking to yourselves.

- 1. Method of expression.

Acts. 16:25 *At mid nite P. & S. prayed & sang praises*

Matt. 26:30 *And when they had sung a hymn*

- 2. Display exuberance in Spirit via songs.
- 3. Address: engage in mutual edification.

B. Psalms - Hymns - Spiritual Songs.

- 1. Difficult distinction.
- 2. Not very sharp difference.
- 3. Psalms *The Lord my shepherd is*
 - a) Praise & devotion to God.
 - b) Exaltation of God.
 - c) Psalms set to music.
 - d) Deep religious feeling of godly heart.

4. Hymns

where appropriate
Need to know
at all
in life

- a) Songs of praise, thanksgiving, supplication.
- b) Teaches our dependence on God and his willingness to hear & bless.
- c) Dignified
- d) Praise of God in Christ.
- e) Do others hear the praise of God from our mouths?

5. Spiritual Songs

stand up standing
there's a call come

- a) Inspire
- b) Cultivate feeling of devotion.
- c) Moving
- d) Based on a spiritual experience-
"Be with me Lord."

C. Singing

1. 2 kinds of music.

2. Psallo

(Melody)

String's
Plays 2
Stringed instrument

- a) Touch, feel stir, Rub
- b) Move by touching.
- c) Pull, twitch, twang
- d) Vibration of strings to produce sound.
- e) Voice is God's stringed instrument. (Lipscomb)
- f) They are not mechanical production of lip or finger - (Vaughn)

3. Instrument can neither praise nor teach.

4. Unlawful to change God's law.

5. Pluck - the instrument of the heart.
6. Plung to Trojan 108-114 AD
"They are used to meet before dawn on a stated day and to chant to Christ as to God alternately together."

D. Heart to the Lord.

1. Bring thoughts & feelings into harmony with the song.
2. Must come from the heart.
3. No meaningless pretense in our singing.

Isa. 29:13

Matt. 15:8 *This people draweth nⁱ unto mee e^e mouth*

4. Heart strikes up within *honore lips*
5. We understand what we are singing.
And mean it!
6. Directed to the Lord to whom every act of the Christian life is related and pointed.

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Chrysostom: "Since it was not unlikely, that in the beginning of their early endeavors they would be most earnest, in that their desire was then at its full vigor, but that as the time went on, the whole of their earnestness would wither down to nothing; he says that they ought however to be doing the reverse, not to get relaxed as time went on, but to be the more full of vigor. For the nearer the King may be at hand, the more ought they to get themselves in readiness...Let us put off imaginings, let us get clear of the dreams of this life present, let us lay aside its deep slumber and be clad in virtue for garments."

-William S. Plumer

"Commentary on ROMANS", pg. 599

Drunk with the Spirit - Eph. 5:18

Long before drug-taking became a way of life (or death) in our drug-oriented culture, Aldous Huxley wrote an essay in which he pleaded for the discovery of a new drug as a harmless substitute for alcohol. He said that if he were a millionaire he would endow a company of research workers to look for the ideal intoxicant. Wrote Huxley: "If we could sniff or swallow something that would abolish inferiority, atone us with our fellows in a glowing exultation of affection, and make life in all its aspects divinely beautiful and significant, and if this heavenly, world-transforming drug were of such a kind that we could wake up next morning with a clear head and undamaged constitution,



then it seems to me that all our problems would be solved and our earth would be a paradise. "

EPHESIANS - A Positive Affirmation - Griffith -P.103

SINGING

If we can think of our singing and the sacrifice of praise, the fruit of the lips, as the speech of angels and as that which brings us nearer to the infinite, this will greatly enhance our participation in the singing of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

Someone said it is singing that can "wash from the soul the dust of everyday life." Another said, "It unites those who disagree, makes friends of those at odds, and brings together those who are out of charity with one another." More effort will be put into this for our songs to become noise in the ears of God (Amos 5:21-24).

I would even suggest that we pay particularly close attention to the words we sing, lest our words proceed from our lips but our interest is not keenly felt because of a lack of knowledge of the terms that are sung.

It is good for each home to have their own songbook to study and read during their daily devotional.

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"Improving Our Worship"

What is the 'filling of the Holy Spirit'?

By James G. Van Buren

We are urged by the apostle Paul to be "filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). What precisely does this mean, and how can this filling be accomplished?

—G. D., Missouri

The expressions "filled with the Spirit," "full of the Holy Spirit," or "full of the Spirit" are found 14 times in the New Testament (Luke 1:15, 41, 67; 4:1; Acts 2:4; 4:8, 31; 6:3, 5; 7:55; 9:17; 11:24; 13:9; and Ephesians 5:18).

The filling with God's Spirit is to be distinguished from the *baptism* of the Spirit, the *gift* of the Spirit, the *gifts* of the Spirit, and the *fruit* of the Spirit. Probably the relationship of the Spirit's *fruit* to being *filled with the Spirit* is closer than any of the others.

Your specific question cited Ephesians 5:18: "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit." The contrast between the Spirit's filling and drunkenness is found two other times: John the Baptist was to "drink no wine nor strong drink," but was to be "filled with the . . . Spirit" (Luke 1:15), and the mocking statement that the Spirit-filled apostles at Pentecost were instead "filled with new wine" (Acts 2:12, 13).

There are *similarities* between drunkenness and Spirit-filled attitudes and actions. For one, a person's normal behavior seems more intense and displays some unusual element having been added to the "mix" of ordinary conduct. There may be unrestrained and even unexplained exuberance and expressions in work and deed.

The *contrasts*, however, are of great importance. Spiritual exhilaration is not directed to sensual indulgence or destructive, uncontrolled actions. Rather, there is a freedom in speaking about God and an awareness of the reality and wonder of God's presence in Jesus, in us, and in every facet of life.

The "spirit of wine" is what leads people to weakness and a loss of self-discipline. But as Paul says in 2 Timothy 1:7, God has given us a "spirit of power and love and *self-control*" (italics mine).

The *fruit* of the Spirit—"love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness (and) self-control" (Galatians 5:22, 23)—must surely be key elements to be found in a personality "filled" with the Holy Spirit. Here again qualities that indicate an intensified condition of voluntary restraint are in evidence rather than an involuntary abandonment to emotional or physical extremes.

The fullness of joy is one of the most evident characteristics Christians know. The Spirit-filled Christian has a succession of happy hours, happy days, and happy weeks.

He has a Spirit-induced elevation based on the truth revealed in the Spirit-inspired Word and the inner assurances engendered by the Spirit. "Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy" (1 Peter 1:8).

The experience of Jesus' followers, even in the face of opposition, seemed to be this: earnest proclamation of Jesus as the Savior from sin and the bestower of eternal life led to spiritual exhilaration and joy. "Then the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit" even after an incident of persecution (Acts 13:52).

The fullness of the Spirit not only produces joy and a sense of serenity and stability but, on occasion, a steely opposition to deceit and defilement. Paul, opposed by the devious sorcerer Bar-Jesus, became "filled with the . . . Spirit" in such a way that he hotly denounced the magician. "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop

making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?" (Acts 13:10).

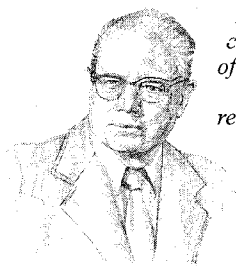
We have no New Testament precedents for praying *for* the coming of the filling with the Holy Spirit. No one is depicted as ever praying *to or for* the Holy Spirit. Luke 11:13 is the only place prayer for the Holy Spirit is suggested. The parallel passage in Matthew 7:11 has the phrase "good gifts" rather than "Holy Spirit," as does this text in the Syriac and the Sinaitic versions.

Whatever was the case during Jesus' public ministry, when the inspired Peter revealed the way the Holy Spirit is given to us in the New Covenant, he said it was through faith, repentance, and baptism (Acts 2:36-39).

However, the Spirit's fullness comes as one concentrates on doing God's will and as one actually *does* it. The earnest desire to speak for God, to exalt Jesus, and to build up the church are avenues leading to spiritual fullness. This fullness is evidenced by overflowing joy and, at the same time, serenity and self-control. The Spirit's filling is not an *end* to be sought, but comes as a *means* to exalting God's Son and energizing Christians for God's service.

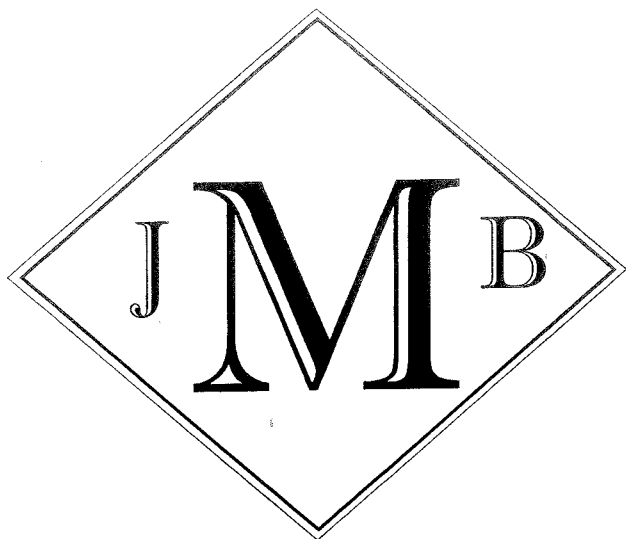
The New Testament suggests that concentration on God's truth, yieldedness to God's Son, and the fellowship of God's people are ways to open areas of our lives to the filling of God's Spirit. ■

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THAT BLESSED CHURCH

Eph. 5:25-27

1. Take this test--I'll call out a word and you tell me what you see:

A. A straight line.

B. A circle.

1. Above may be black or dim, long or short, on paper or blackboard.

2. It could be small or large.

C. Map of USA.

1. Geography book.

2. TV Weather Map.

3. Did it have Fla., Maine, TX., or Calif.?

4. What if added Canada or blotted out NY - wouldn't be USA.

D. Church.

1. Bldg.

2. Denomination.

3. Nap time.

4. Division & strife.

5. Is any vision O.K.?

6. Could it be wrong?

II. What is the church?

A. It's the called out, so far as definition is concern

1. Ekklesia.

2. Assembly of any nature.

3. Took a religious tone.

Matt. 16:18 "And I say also unto thee, That thou art

James 1:18 "Of his own will begat he us with the wor

Luke 8:11 "Now the parable is this: The seed is the v

James 1:21 "Rec. c meekness the engrafted word, wh

4. Jesus called folk out of the world.

Col. 1:13 "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness"

Jn. 17:16 "They are not of the world, even as I am not"

5. It came into existence after His death & remains today for His glory. *And the Lord*

Acts 2:47 "Praising God, and having favour with all the people"

Eph. 3:20-21 "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think"

6. It belongs to Jesus. *And they, continuing daily*

Rom. 16:16 "Salute one another with an holy kiss. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

a.) Clip on "For the Birds".

b.) It wears the name of God.

Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to the church of God, of the which ye are pastors and overseers."

c.) Wirt Card.

B. Tell me something about it.

1. Entrance.

Jn. 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Mk. 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and that whosoever shall not be baptized shall be damned."

Acts 17:30 "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent."

Matt. 10:32-33 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, I will confess him before my Father which is in heaven: but whosoever shall deny me, I will deny him before my Father which is in heaven."

Rom. 6:3-4 "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Christ were baptized into his death?"

1 Cor. 12:13 "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, and all are of one Spirit, and are all drinking of one Spirit."

Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Gal. 3:27 "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ."

Acts 2:47 "Praising God, and having favour with all the people"

1 Cor. 12:27 "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones."

2. Pictures.

a.) Family.

1 Tim. 3:15 "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

b.) Body.

Col. 1:18 "And he is the head of the body, the church, which is his body, the fullness of him, who is the firstborn from the dead."

who is the beg., the 1st born preminence

Eph. 1:22-23 "And hath put all things under his feet, (c.) Vine.

d.) Sheepfold c door.

3. Worship & work.

Jn. 4:24 "God is a spirit: and they that worship him mu

4. Standard

2 Tim. 3:16-17 "All scripture is given by inspiration of

Acts 11:26 "And when he had found him, he brought him

1 Pet. 4:16 "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him be glorified."

a.) Campbell clip.

5. Purpose.

a.) Defined as a "community that remembers Jesus."

b.) Things it's not:

(1) Clip on "Too many people" -

(2) Dean quote.

c.) Things it is:

(1) Erdman.

(2) Larson.

(3) Havner.

(4) Gibbon.

(5) Churchill.

(6) John Geddes.

C. But aren't all of us striving for the same thing?

1. Sadly, no.

1. Sadly, no. *Matt 13:21 "Not everyone that"*
 Matt. 15:13 "Every plant which my heavenly Father has

I Cor. 4:6 "That ye might learn not to go

2. Men have lost the vision of unity & freedom.

(a) Corson story.

(b) Neese card.

3. Don Morris clip.

4. Billy Graham.

5. Union Mtg. Clip.

a.) God adds to church - stay where put - don't divide up.

b.) "Keep the unity of the Spirit.

c.) Jesse Sewell San Angelo sermon 1908 Clip.

Mountain Ave. Church, Tucson, Ariz 1-22-80

West End 1-13-80

We send none to perdition but those who disbelieve and reject the gospel...No good, religious, moral, or virtuous man can perish through our views or principals. Our theory thunders terrors to none but the self-condemned. Human responsibility, in my views and doctirns, always depends upon, and is measured by, human ability. It is so, certainly, under the gospel. The man born blind will not be condemned for not seeing, nor the deaf for not hearing.

The man who never heard the gospel cannot disobey it; and he who, through any physical impossibility, is prevented from any ordinance, is no transgressor. It is only he who knows, and has power to do, his Master's will, that shall be punished for disobedience. None suffer, in our views, but those who are willfully ignorant or negligent of their duty.

(Campbell-Rice Debate)

A lady once asked Sir Winston Churchill if he were a pillar of the church.

"Not exactly, madam," said he. "I am more like a flying buttress - I support it from the outside."

"Family Humor"

By Oren Arnold

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No matter how many attributes we attach to it, the ek-klesia is still made up of flesh-and-blood human beings, Dr. Carl Wisloff of Oslo, in words that are reminiscent of George Fox, made the point to the European Congress on Evangelism in Amsterdam in 1971.

The ekklesia of God is no house built of brick or wood, nor is it an institution. It stands for the people of God, In the New Testament the church is a fellowship of people. The church is not "something," but "some." It is not a building that believers and unbelievers inhabit (which is what George Fox, in the earlier reference, meant by a "mixed multitude"). The church is a building that is built up of believers as living stones. The

walls do not enclose the faithful; rather the faithful are the walls.

Since the church is a fellowship of believers and since this fellowship is created by the one true Gospel. It follows that the church is one. The opposite of the one church is not many churches, but the false church, the pseudochurch.

Jesus Power

by Sherwood Eliot Wirt

P. 82

Years ago in a book I don't even remember, I read what Leslie Weatherhead, the great Baptist preacher, ~~had to say~~ ^{Church} about the marks of the early church. He was contrasting the New Testament church with the church of today. He said that the early church had six things that we lack: (1) a transforming, communicable experience of the living Christ, (2) a passion to pass it on, (3) an unbreakable fellowship with the other members of the converted group, (4) a love for men which was not dependent on being loved or liked or flattered, (5) an inward serenity or peace not dependent on the number of things there

are to do in a day, and (6) a deep sense of joy not dependent upon being happy.

"Ask Me to Dance"

Bruce Larson

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The Church of Christ, in its divine origin, in its present power for good, and in its eternal destiny, far surpasses the dignity and significance of any other society, organization, or movement known to man. One who holds a different view should read the arresting paragraphs of the following letter. He may come to realize that, with all its obvious imperfections, the Church is proclaiming and establishing those principles of personal purity, of social justice, and of race relationship upon which the hopes of the world must rest. The primary message of the letter, however, is addressed to the members of the Christian brotherhood. It awakens in their hearts a hymn of praise for the unmerited mercies of God. It summons them to more devoted endeavor for the welfare of society, for the defense of the family, for the unity and growth of the Church. It deepens their conviction that the gospel is designed for

no one race or nation but as a message of life and of love for all the peoples of the earth. It inspires them with a more joyful confidence in the inexhaustible riches of redeeming grace revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians

By Charles R. Erdman

The FOREWORD

Willa Cather, in "Death Comes for the Archbishop", tells of an experience a missionary had with a Pima Indian in New Mexico which is a parable concerning the place of the Church in the lives of many people today. The Indian convert took the missionary off into the desert where, at the foot of a terrifying canyon of black rock, they came upon a cave hidden from the eyes of man. Here was buried a Communion service and other objects used in the Church. They had been hidden by the Indian's ancestors when the mission had been sacked by the Apaches many generations before. The secret had been handed down from one generation to another, but the meaning and significance of the sacred objects had faded out. They knew these things were valuable, but they had lost the exact knowledge of their true value and their meaning for them. There had been no mission or missionaries there to remind them of it.

So today these sacred meanings of the Church have lost their clarity for many who are out of touch with what the Church is doing.

"Your Church and You" - By Fred Pierce Corson - Page 3

Gibbon, the great historian of the Early Roman Empire, gave five reasons for the remarkable growth of the Church in those early times. He attributed it, first, to the zeal and enthusiasm of the people for the cause, They were flaming messengers and tireless workers. Second, he said their belief in the future life won adherents for the Church. Their message centered in the Resurrection of Jesus, his promise of an endless life and the responsibility for life here, as the determining factor in the quality of that life to come. Third, he said their fellowship made the Church attractive and kept it strong. They made real the brotherhood in Christ and the fatherhood of God in their relationship one to another. Fourth, he attributed the purity of their personal lives as the validation of their witness to Christ's life. They had "clean hands, and pure hearts." They made the principles of their faith the practice of their daily living. They

were not hypocrites. And fifth, he said that the evidences of power within the Church made it a force which desperate people turned to. The Early Church had a power that amazed and baffled those who were not a part of it. The early Christians did "greater things" than their Master. In the Church human life became changed, transformed, made clean and beautiful. Within its fellowship men found their peace.

"Your Church and You" - By Fred Pierce Corson - Pages 15-16

This theory is very clearly presented in the "union meeting" idea and practice. The various denominations of the neighborhood decide that a special campaign should be conducted for the salvation of souls. They call a meeting to consider it. The suggestion is made that they set aside all denominational distinctions, all of the things which separate them, and unite for a vigorous campaign of a certain number of days for the salvation of the lost. It is agreed that many more souls can be saved by this united effort.

May I ask: If all of these denominational distinctions, the things that separate them from each other, can be set aside in the interest of union for the days of this meeting, why can they not be set aside for all the days to come? May I ask further: If more souls can be saved by a united effort during the days of this meeting, could not more souls be saved by continuing the union

through all the days?

"Undenominational Christianity" - By Jesse P. Sewell

(Sermon delivered in San Angelo, Texas in 1908, pp.4-5)

My brethren are Christians only. They have joined nothing of any kind. They have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and in Him they worship God and serve their fellows. In this position they are entirely free from any responsibility for the division that exists. There is no denominational wall around us. All Christians on earth, all who have believed and obeyed Christ, are our brethren. There is nothing around us to separate them from us. They may have fellowship with us at any time without joining or coming into anything. We are separated from them by denominational walls which they have erected about themselves. They are separated from each other by these same walls. Our plea is for these walls to be torn down, for all who believe in Christ to be left free under God, in their local congregations to study, understand and practice the Word of God, without the intervention of denominational creeds or confessions. It is this freedom that constitutes the greatness of our

plea. No. We are not perfect. We would not claim that we have discovered all divine truth or that we perfectly practice that which we have found. But each of the thousands of congregations standing with us for this great plea is absolutely free from all human authority, free under God to study, to understand, and to practice any and all truth revealed in God's Word. It is this freedom, I repeat, that constitutes the glory of our plea, the greatness of undenominational Christianity.

"Undenominational Christianity" - By Jesse P. Sewell

(Sermon delivered in San Angelo, Texas in 1908, pp.12-13)

A group of birds decided to form a church, so they called a meeting and the duck stood up and said, "I think we should require baptism by immersion. It's the only way we can get their pocketbooks wet."

The rooster said, "No! We should baptize people by sprinkling. Many people dislike the embarrassment of getting wet all over." The argument went on, and then the parrot said: "I don't think baptism is the most important thing. What we need is a good program." All the birds cheered, for everybody knows that a church can't build a reputation for itself without a good program.

Then the mocking bird said, "What about a choir, and don't forget the organ!"

"Oh," said the thrush, "we don't want an organ; a piano is much better." The titmouse, however, didn't want a musical instrument at all, and the

sparrow said it would do just as well if they did without music altogether.

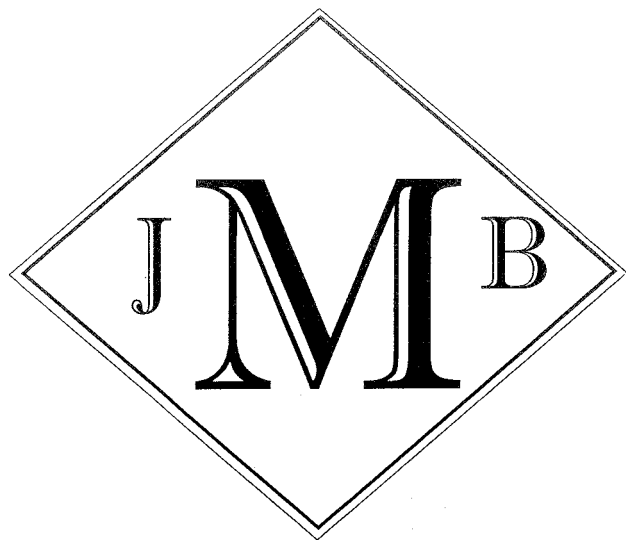
The goose came forward and said, "What we really need is a preacher who is good with young people. If we don't attract young people the other churches in town will get them for sure." The real wrangle came over the budget: some thought everybody should tithe, provided he could afford it; others thought they should do away with collections and just have faith.

Finally the owl arose and smoothed his feathers. "Brothers and sisters, all those things are secondary. I'll tell you what we need—it's sincerity. Yes sir, above everything else, we must be sincere—real sincere—even if we don't mean it."

So they formed a church but it was for the birds.—"A Parish Bulletin," *Anglican Digest*, Spring, 1971

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THE HUSBAND'S DUTIES TO HIS WIFE

Eph. 5:23-31

I. Who's at fault when a marriage breaks up?

A. How many did it take to get married?

B. How many then to have trouble?

C. Why not talk to both husband & wife? (Clip on husband be just what he is now 20 yr. from now).

II. Biblical Duties Place on a Husband.

A. Read these passages.

Ephesians 5:23-31 "For the husband is the head of the

Ch. 3:19 "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bit

1 Pet. 3:7 "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them as

B. What words leaped at you?

1. Love - as yourself.

(a) West German Clip.

(b) Lane Adams Card.

(c) Wiese Card.

2. Be not bitter.

3. Dwell - Joint Heirs - Prayer.

C. We'd like to look at all 3.

L. B. Johnson - 2 ways to keep her happy.

(1) 1st, let her think she's having her own way.

(2) Let her have it.

III. Love.

A. Husband love wives as Christ loved the church.
How was that?

B. Let's study Phil. 2:6-7.

1. 1st, Christ was unselfish.

(a) Was "in form of God".

(b) Didn't consider it a position to be "grasped" or
"clutched" for personal pleasure.

(c) Was willing to lay it aside to come here & save me.

2. Demonstrated humility & servitude.

(a) "Made himself of no reputation".

(b) "Took form of a servant".

(c) "Likeness of man".

(d) Ivory palace for a stable sovereignty for servitude

3. Sacrificed his life - undergo personal sacrifice.

(a) "Became obedient unto death".

(b) Paid supreme sacrifice.

4. Prays & cares for his own - deep concern for her needs.

Heb. 4:14-16 "Seeing then that we have a great high p

(a) "Passed into heaven".

(b) "Touched c the feeling of our infirmities".

(c) Provides mercy & grace in time of need.

5. Had ultimate plan for the church - long-range plan for happiness.

I Thess. 4:16-17 "For the Lord himself shall descend fro

(a) Calls saints to glory.

(b) Live c him evermore.

6. No wonder husbands are to "have the mind of Christ".

Phil. 2:5 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in C

IV. No Bitterness - Col. 3:19.

A. Do we avoid love's destruction?

1. Husband's prayer poem.

2. Husband 10 commandments.

B. What does she really want - Uni. of Mich. Clip.

V. Dwell with them (Tornado Clip).

A. According to Knowledge.

1. Intellectual grasp of physical & spiritual.

(a) Drives me to a rage. Can't recall birthday - always age.

2. Weaker vessel.

(a) You didn't even say hello.

(b) Erma Bombeck statistic.

(c) Husband died at 48.

B. Joint Heirs of the Grace of Life.

1. See the delicate nature.

2. Have I made it easier for her to be a Christian?

3. Am I morally exact.

C. Prayers unhindered.

1.) Barnes Clip.

West End 9-18-77

Surely when the Bible spells out the idea that a man is to protect his wife and lovingly care for her as part of his own body, it means that he is psychologically and emotionally protecting her, as well as physically protecting her. This would surely mean that the favorite practice of some husbands in making their wives the butt of their jokes and the object of veiled ridicule would be utterly inconsistent with loving her as Christ loved the Church.

"How Come It's Taking Me So Long to Get Better?"

By Lane Adams - pp. 136-137

Happily married men demonstrate even and stable emotions. They are cooperative, equalitarian, and benevolent toward the deprived, underprivileged, and inferior person. They are not self-conscious, somewhat extroverted, show initiative, take responsibility, and give close attention to detail in their daily activities. They are methodical, cautious, and conservative.

"Everything You Need To Know To Stay Married And Like It."

By Wiese and Steinmetz

Page 135-136

Husbands

Unhappily married men are inclined to be moody and somewhat neurotic. Often They have feelings of inferiority and dislike being in the public eye. They are insecure and compensate for this by being domineering. Receiving pleasure from commanding roles over dependents, they often live in a world of day dreams and power fantasies. They are sporadic and very irregular in work habits, dislike detail and rational procedures. They are more inclined to radicalism.

"Everything You Need To Know To Stay Married And Like It"

By Wiese and Steinmetz - Page 136

... make M. v. Caruthers' poem "Prayer of a Christian Husband" our own petition.

Lord, may there be no moment in her life
When she regrets that she became my wife.

Help me to do the utmost that I can
To prove myself her measure of a man.

Since years must bring to all their load of
care,
Let us together every burden bear

And when Death beckons one its path along,
May not the two of us be parted long!

Our next article will be: "Responsibilities of a wife." — Carl P. Matheny, 156 E. Baker Street, Batesville, Arkansas.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR HUSBANDS

1. Remember thy wife is thy partner and not thy property. Be her head not her dictator.
2. Do not expect thy wife to be thy wife and wage earner at the same time.
3. Think not thy business is none of thy wife's business.
4. Thou shalt hold thy wife's love by the same means that thou won it.
5. Thou shalt make the building of thy home thy first business.
6. Thou shalt cooperate with thy wife in establishing family discipline.
7. Thou shalt not let anyone criticize thy wife to thy face unjustly and get away with it; neither thy father, mother, nor brethren, sisters, nor any other relatives.
8. Thou shalt always be faithful to thy wife and defend her with thy love.
9. Thou shalt not take thy wife for granted.
10. Remember thy home and keep it holy, for ever good woman loves a Christian home and a Christian husband.

A recent study conducted by a team of University of Michigan sociologists and psychologists revealed these facts: (1) American women want companionship from their husbands more than they want love or money, (2) Children, far from bringing married couples closer together, are the major cause of the loss of satisfaction in each other's companionship and love, (3) Nearly all wives including those with children become increasingly less satisfied with their husband's companionship. In the first two years, 52% of the wives were very well satisfied with their marriage and none notably dissatisfied. 20 years later, only 6% were still very satisfied, while 21% were conspicuously dissatisfied.

Wives

Man of Few Words

A husband went home, ate his dinner, watched TV and then got ready for bed. His wife asked, "What's the matter with you, don't you even say 'Hello'?"

And he answered, "Why start an argument?"

Frances

Holly, Colo.

An interesting little statement came from the Good House-keeping, an article by Erma Bombeck. It was the supposed results of a poll of what husbands think wives do all day.

33% said women spent five hours out of each day putting lint on their husbands' socks.

27% said they spent four hours daily pouring grease down the sink and watching it harden to give husbands something to do when they get home.

A walloping 58% said women divide their time between watching soap operas, drinking coffee, shrinking shirt collars, discarding one sock from every pair in the drawer, and lugging power tools out to the sandbox for kids to play with.

The businessman and his wife had just settled down for a quiet evening at home when suddenly they were struck by a tornado. It ripped the roof off, picked them up, and set them down safely about a mile from the house.

The husband seeing his wife sobbing said, "Don't cry, dear. You're safe now."

"I'm not frightened," she answered. "I'm crying because I'm so happy. Do you realize this is the first time we've been out together in 10 years?"—*V. F. W. Magazine*, 9-72. e

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our house of bugs. Mom answered, "Get busy now. Debug it bed!" » »

But bugs don't get in beds today. Although debugging's in full sway, in offices or modern homes, it seems the bugs get in the phones.

—Dwayne Laws.

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A HUSBAND is the kind of man who drives me to a rage: he can't recall my birthday but always knows my age.

Her Secret

An elderly woman had just reached the ripe age of 103 years and was being interviewed by a reporter from the local newspaper. He asked the usual question, "How does it happen that you have lived to be over 100?"

"Well," replied the woman, "it's because I never rocked any of our eight children to sleep, never washed any dishes, never cleaned the house nor did any laundry. My husband did that. Heaven rest his soul! He passed away at 48."

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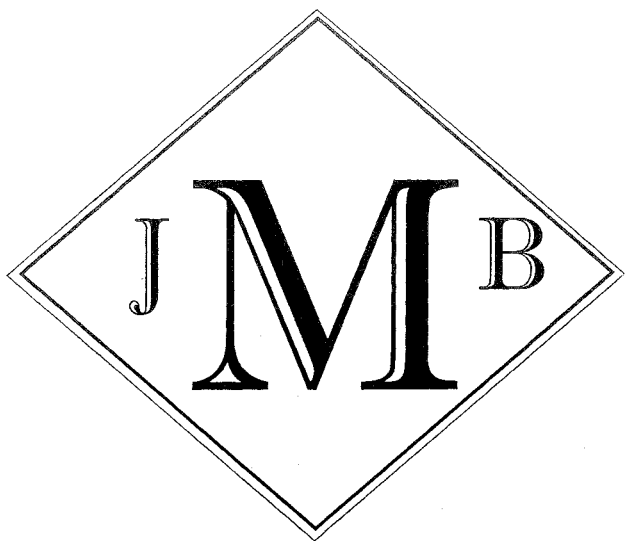
to remember that we
Lord's blessings.

The purpose of all this is: "to the end that your prayers be not hindered." Certainly united and family prayer is strongly implied in this passage. As Albert Barnes has well stated in his comments on this scripture: "The head of a family does not ask whether he **must** establish family worship; he does it as one of the spontaneous fruits of religion — a thing concerning which no formal command is necessary. Prayer in the family, as everywhere else, is a privilege; and the true question to be asked on the subject is not whether a man **must**, but whether he **may** pray." (Page 164)

Young man, if you are not married, before you become a husband seriously ask yourself

or lady the kind of woman that

Lord has taught



THE 21ST CENTURY MARRIAGE

Eph. 5:21-33

- I. By the title do you expect something different?
 - A. This lesson should show the unalterable nature of God's word. It fits today as it did then.
 - B. Obviously it should show God's plan for a husband and wife.
 - C. Foremost it should let me see the church in the mind of Christ.
 - D. We will see what happens to us when our lives are transformed by a prior obedience to Christ.
- II. We'll start with wives.
 - A. At the time of Christ she was unimportant, no authority in the home - she was to cook and bear children.
 - B. So when Paul uses "submit" she was not shocked but as he unfolded the plan she surely must have been.
 1. We debate where v-21 belongs, but we know where v-22 does.
 2. ~~Submit - used 23X by Paul.~~
 - a) To subject ones self.
 - b) Obey
 - c) Subordination to those considered worthy of respect either because of inherent qualities or more often because of position held.
 - d) (We do it for dr., lawyer, teacher.)


- e) It's reciprocal.
 - f) No one is called to coerce another.
3. Why are we afraid of it?
- a) Be manipulated.
 - b) Be mistreated.
 - c) Dehumanize me.
 - d) Would Christ do this to you? Then we must never also.
4. Wives' submission is matched by Christ like love and consideration of the husband.
5. She submits as she would to Christ-as unreservedly.
(Husband never proposes anything except for her good.)
- a) We can find our excuses: irritable, quarrelsome, niggardly, spend-thrift, glutton, drunkard--but man's view must not hinder wife's subjection. (Calvin)
 - b) He further asked "if a woman will not submit herself, who will be wiser in the end - God or man?"
6. More will come but let's now go to----

IV. Husbands.

- A. Then men predominant and could do as they pleased. What must wives thought when they heard "the rest of the story!"

B. Head.

1. Head preserves, protects, rules body.
2. Head guides.
 - a) 1st then envoke God's help--to use your own wisdom only is a waste of time.
 - b) Your headship is not diabolical.
 - 1) Water not right temp. Uncle Willie poured it out on floor.
 - 2) Whipped children with a claw hammer.
 - 3) Not called to be beasts
 - 4) Man is not set in a position of superiority except for the benefit and welfare of his true yoke fellow.



 Hen pecked

 No hot water

 Hate to wash dishes

 in cold water

V. The Church.

A. Christ Heads.

1. Saves it.
2. Rules it.
3. Church taken out of the suffering, sorrow, blood, cross of Christ.
4. Woman out of side of man.-- Criswell

B. Saves the Body.

1. Savior never used in NT except of Christ & God. (Expositors)

2. Church is his body.

4.

3. Every member dearer to Christ than his own happiness.

Isa. 53:7 "He was oppressed and he was afflicted."

Rom. 5:19 "So by the obedience of one shall many be made"

C. Church in subjection in everything.

1. Wives follow husbands same way.

2. Never anything contrary to will of God.

VI. Husbands Again and Church Again.

A. Love. *Agape unconditional love*

1. Husbands die to their own interest out of concern for the best interests of their wives.

*Wife →
Do you love me?
She asks not
for information
but ACTION*

2. As everything above--he loves ^(Etwell) even if she does not submit.

3. "Have care for thy wife as Christ does the church--she will gladly obey. (Chrysostom)

4. Husbands must support spirituality of their wives.

5. Husbands ought not to be tyrants, nor wives governors. (Clark)

6. Christ introduces a revolutionary approval that equalizes the rights of wives.

B. Christ the Church.

1. Loved.

a) Bride espoused to Christ

b) His love is

1) Pure

*Agape is known
only from
actions it
prompts*

words

- 2) Protective
- 3) Sacrificial

Phil. 2:6-8

(Out of the ivory palaces---)

- 4) Satisfies

Rom. 5:8 "But God com. his love toward sinners"

- 2. Gave Himself.
- 3. Sanctified

a) Bride's preparing for marriage. There is now nobody else--groom is it!

b) Set apart to reach her aim-- holy, radiant.

Heb. 10:10 "S. thru' the offer. of the body once for..."

13:11-12 "Jesus, that he might s. the people..."

c) Separate from world in order to be joined to Christ

- 4. Cleanse.

a) Needs to be clean and radiant as Christ himself.

b) Lit. "having cleansed"--has to be clean before can make it holy.

- 5. How make clean?

a) Word

Jn. 15:3 "Now ye are clean thru' the"

b) Blood

I Jn. 1:7 "But if we walk in the light"

c) Washing with water

1) As they did vessels in temple before using.

*child of God
merry child of
devil - have
trouble with
your father in law*

- 2) Baptism (Bride 6.
washed before marriage)
- 3) Clearly inseparable with
word--therefore no
babies baptized.
- 4) "He that rejects
baptism as superfluous
gives good evidence
that he does not know
himself." (Calvin)
- 5) We are blinded by
pride when we think
baptism can be of no
service to us. (Calvin)
- 6) Word as we confess.

6. Present

- a) Paul often speaks of presentation. I forget Randy Beech's name in Pratt.
- b) John too.

Rev. 5:9 "Thou wast slain and hast red."

- c) As Christ devotes much of his time for the welfare of Church, so must husband his wife.
- d) Present--to place beside.
- e) Christ is his own match-maker.
- f) Church becomes what He intends it to be.
- g) Points to second coming.
- h) Glorious, without spot, wrinkle
- 1) wrinkle-mark of decay

- 2) Use Oil of Delay ⁷.
- 3) Called to holiness.

Col. 1:19

Jer. 23:16

Isa. 45:23,24

Nos. 3:3

C. Husbands Once More.

1. Love wives as own body.

- a) As if they were his body.
- b) Actually are your body.
- c) Would you hurt yourself?
- d) As one body with themselves.
- e) ~~Wife's an extension of man--~~
not his property.

f) ~~Man cares for his body--~~
→ fitness program--started
walking 2 miles per day at
75--now 92--has no idea
where she is.

g) Adam so recognized Eve--
bone of my bone.

h) Let the husband think "I
am but half a creature when
I am separated from my
wife seeing that God would
have the two of us be one."
(Calvin)

i) ~~I cannot be a whole person
unless I am co-joined with
my wife--as in Tennyson.~~

2. Nourish--Cherish.

- a) How tenderly does one
nourish all parts of his

wife word is
phileo-tender
affection
Titus 2:4

body even to the little toe of his foot--how carefully he watches that nothing may be lacking and how prudent he is in every respect about it, so that if any member is ill at ease he endeavors to remedy it that he may keep himself in health. (Calvin)

b) Cherish-Keep Warm.

3. Members

- a) All meant for each other.
- b) All necessary (body, bone, flesh) as we are to each other.
- c) As soon as we go about adding this or that to our Lord Jesus Christ, he surely rejects us as unworthy to have any part or portion of His benefits. (Calvin)

VII. Remember the Cause!

Gen. 2:24

Clout of id
teen marriage
leave shows maturity
work

A. Marriage is above every other human relationship therefore inviolable.

B. Joined.

- 1. Lit. glued + ~~weld~~ → *Joined*
- 2. Permanent → ~~pologamy~~, adultery, divorce, wrong.
- 3. Indissoluable.
- 4. *1 flesh sex + becoming = part of each other*

~~Feb 13/94~~ - Bed = Coitus - intercourse

9.

C. Husbands (individually)

1. Love.

D. Wives--Reverence, and surely
you can if he does the above.

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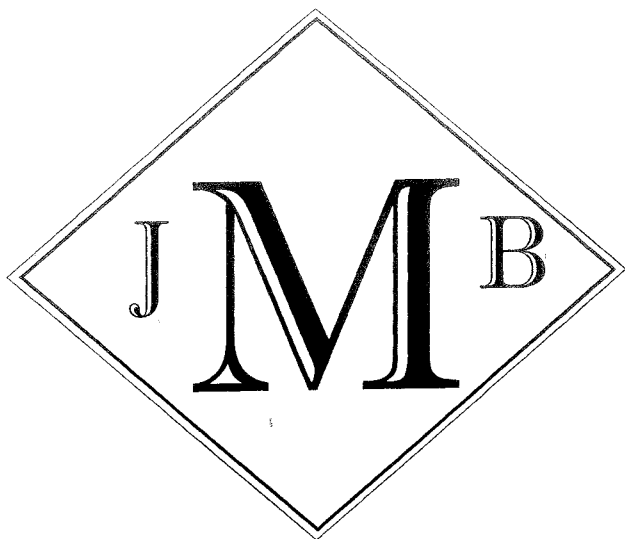
1. Submit (own)
2. Subjection
3. Reverence

Christ's Church

1. Head
2. Saves
3. Subjection
4. Loves
5. Gave-Sacrifice
6. Sanctify
7. Cleanse { water
word
8. Present { glorious
w/o spot
wrinkle
holy
w/o blemish
9. Nourish
10. Cherish (keep warm)
11. Members

Husbands

1. Head
2. Love
3. Love-Body
4. Nourish
5. Cherish
6. Love
7. Heave
8. Cleave-Join
9. Love



S.S.R.

Eph. 5:23-24,33

I. We've got some S abbreviations that scare!

A. SSR - Russia

B. SS - Storm troopers

C. SOS - Distress

D. SSR - Paul

Eph. 5:22-24 *"Wives submit yourselves unto your*

Eph. 5:33 *let the wife see that she revere him,*

II. Are the words of the Holy Spirit antiquated, replaced, cruel or appropos?

III. Believing you to believe they are the words of God what is the marital duty of the 20th century wife?

A. There are 3 words -- and they all draw fire.

1. Submit

2. Subject

3. Reverence

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B. Knowing God gave the words to now search for their meaning and their application.

IV. The Scriptures teach:

A. Wives submit

1. Authority has become a dirty word - Briscoe.

2. Submission abhorant to some since she is his spiritual equal.

3. It literally means though "a rank under" - a military term.

4. It's in the middle voice thus a voluntary submission.

5. Vaughn says "submit" is not in GK text.

(Idem is in previous verse)

6. Deltzler says it's like a term when sweating wrestlers finally floor each other. *Hip-o-toss-o*

a) Hypo - like hypodermic or under the skin.

b) Tasso = tactic, order, to put in line - we place ourselves under someone.

7. Jesus was submissive to parents.

Lu. 2:51 *And he went down c them, & came to N. & was*

8. Remember our submission is voluntary & loving.

a) Jews saw wives as chattle.

b) Greeks wouldn't let wives eat with husbands.

c) Trueblood said we are not so much failing to live up to the standard as we are to keep the standard clear.

d) "It is not best that there be an open exercise of authority - when commands begin, happiness flees." Barnes

e) Wives should not be a governor; husbands should not be a tyrant - Clark.

9. Note its "own" - Moule calls it "holy speciality of the marriage relationship". - Editorial #0

10. Pattern of authority - #1 - *Boss 1 1/2*

11. Sam Johnson - #2

12. Men & Heaven - #3

*Co-habitators
0 1/2*

B. Qualified Submission - as unto the Lord.

1. Nothing required of wife that is inconsistent with her Christian character. - Lipscomb
2. Christ requires nothing other than what God does; so must husband to wife.
3. Submits to husband without violation of prior commitment to God.
4. Fight with wife - #4
5. Fosdick - #5

C. Wife has a head - husband

1. Every organization has one.
2. Man 1st in order of time.
3. Man has leadership.
4. Housekeeper controls - #6
5. Phone no. in dust - #7
6. Women work - #8
7. Football - #9

V. 2nd S - Be subject

A. Subject to husband

1. It is voluntary and supersedes all natural ties.
2. We do not make our relationships with parents but we do in marriage.
3. This too is qualified - nothing criminal.
4. Highest motivation for her - God said do it - He will reward.

B. The one to whom she submits deeply loves her.

1. Men laugh - #10
2. Woman & savage - #11

VI. Finally letter "R" - Reverence

A. Duty of wife to respect - duty of husband to deserve it - (Vaughn)

1. She thought he did, else she would never have married him.
2. Men need to guage their behavior.

B. Reverence defined.

1. Fear
2. Honor
3. Respect
4. Obey, all a part of it
5. She respects him as head - Barnes says "see" has been added.
6. Home powerful - #12

1 1/2 Carnegie

C. What would show lack of it?

1. Faultfinding.
2. No interest in his plans.
3. Forsake home.
4. Wasteful.

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MARRIAGE

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Ideas have been advanced for communal living, for two kinds of marriages, one with children and one without. Nevertheless, in all the conversations I held, the consensus seems to be that marriage is here to stay. Like democracy it is far from perfect, but it is the best system we know of. The basic concern then is how to improve marriage, and here, it seems to me, is where the new chivalry applies so importantly... We need to focus the same kind of time and energy on our marriage as we do on our business or our domestic activities.

— JOHN D ROCKEFELLER III,
"Youth, Love and Sex: The New Chivalry," *Look*, 10-7-69.

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Cohabitors 80% more likely to divorce: study

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Couples who lived together before marrying have nearly an 80% higher divorce rate than those who did not, according to a study of Swedish women by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

"We are not saying in any way that cohabiting causes higher divorce rates," said Neil Bennett, who teaches sociology at Yale University and is one of the study's three authors.

"What we are saying is that it appears that people who cohabit premaritally are less committed to the institution and are more inclined to

divorce than people who don't live together," Bennett said in New Haven, Conn.

He stressed that the study does not indicate that living together before marriage dooms a relationship. The message in the survey results, he said, is that "whether or not you live together, you want to have a serious partner."

The study was based on a 1981 survey of 4,996 Swedish women, "Women in Sweden." Interviews were conducted with 4,300 of the respondents who were 20 to 44 years old and included both those who had lived with

their spouses before marriage and those who had not.

Swedes were chosen because they tend to precede American social trends by 10 to 15 years, said David Bloom, an economics professor at Columbia University in New York. Bloom was co-researcher of the report along with Bennett and Ann Klimas Blanc of the Westinghouse Institute Resource Development in Columbia, Md.

A higher proportion of Swedes cohabit before marriage, but the practice is on the increase in America.

Statistics on women were used because no such data were kept on men, although the findings apply to both sexes.

"The overall association between premarital cohabitation and subsequent marital stability is striking," the authors wrote in their 26-page report for the Cambridge think tank. "The dissolution rates of women who cohabit premaritally with their future spouse are, on average, nearly 80% higher than the rates of those who don't."

Among married couples who had first lived together for three years or

more, the divorce rate was 50% higher, they found.

"We felt that people who were living together more than three years that they got married because of pressure," Bennett said.

Another researcher said her work has found no such difference in divorce rates.

An estimated 2 million American couples live together unwed, or about 4% of couples, said Bennett, who predicted cohabiting will continue to become increasingly popular. In Sweden, 12% of couples are unmarried, the U.S. Census Bureau said. ■

Perhaps the difference between the World's pattern for authority and that of Christ can best be illustrated by the story of a woman who was married to a tyrant. He gave her a written list of duties and regulations, and exercised rigid control over her actions, but she never seemed to be able to do everything he asked of her. #1

The tyrant died, and the woman married a kind and loving man who selflessly gave of himself without demanding anything in return. Several years later the woman came across the old list her first husband had written. To her great surprise she realized she was doing all the things that had once been required of her, but with joy.

Attitude

BUILDING PEOPLE - Bubna and Ricketts - P.109

My boss is a real boss. He has everyone intimidated. At night, he goes home and walks into the living room and immediately the dog and the goldfish try to look busy. #1 1/2

#2
Marriage is the strictest tie of perpetual friendship, and there can be no friendship without confidence, and no confidence without integrity.

Samuel Johnson

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#3
"Mama," asked the little girl, "if men go to heaven, too, why don't angels have whiskers?"

"Because, dear," her mother answered, "men get to heaven by a very close shave."

Gertrude Pierson

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#4
How'd you make out in that fight with your wife?"
"She came crawling to me on her hands and knees."
"Yeah? What did she say?"
"Come out from under that bed, you coward!"

R & R Magazine

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On the occasion of his retirement from the Riverside Church. Harry Emerson Fosdick said he had been puzzled all his life by the fact that, on the whole, women have not accomplished as much in a public way as has been accomplished by men. Why is this true? #5
Obviously the brains of woman are as good and perhaps better than the brains of men. Yet the sober truth is that there have been relatively few women in the list of composers, artists, scientists, and statesmen, "At last," said Dr. Fosdick, " I know the answer. No woman ever had a wife!"

over Elton and Pauline Trueblood

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(over)

A smart wife sees through her husband. A
good wife sees him through.

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HOUSEKEEPERS-24

The average American housekeeper controls about 65 h p around her home by flicking switches. Figure 22 men to one h p, that is equal to 1430 men being helpful around the house, according to *Executives Digest*. - MAE WALKER, Pembroke (N Car) State College, "Do You Know That?" *Jnl of Business Education*, 3-69.

Home *Quote*

THE BRIDE was a rather untidy housekeeper and knew it. At last, she mustered the energy to give things a thorough cleaning one day » »

That evening her husband shouted from the hall, in great dismay, "Honey, where's the dust on this table. I had a phone number written in it." —Kelly Fordyce.

#8 Home is a place where women work in the absence of men, and men rest in the presence of women.

A religious family has been described as one where the father says grace before every meal, and the mother says "Amen" when the football game is over.

A man will laugh at a woman putting on make up and then take 10 minutes trying to make three hairs on top of his head look like six" #10

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He took his defeat like a man; he blamed it on his wife.

EDITORIALIZING

#10
In a special feature section, a recent issue of U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT dealt with the social outlook for America in the 1980's. One part of this section looked at the family and forecast the continuation of certain trends--more working mothers, high divorce rate, a low birth rate. The writers also concluded that living together without marriage will increase, an arrangement which supposedly helps couples determine their compatibility before marriage. Some analysts expect a dip in the divorce rate as a result.

If the foregoing assumption were sound we could expect a major and continuing decline in the divorce rate. Thus far the studies with which I am familiar belie this assumption. Indeed, people who have cohabited before marriage seem to have about the same problems after marriage as those who have not. In addition, other social difficulties tend to arise, making commitment far more difficult, especially for those for whom the first relationship does not eventuate in marriage.

God's design for human fulfillment is in the form of a lifelong commitment. Anything less arises from a self-centered ambivalence, which inhibits all social relationships. To receive love, one must give love! And a "love" that selfishly, fearfully withholds is hardly worthy of being so called.

To love another is to expose oneself to exploitation, rejection, and disappointment. Love is not for timid souls, with an emasculated self-image. Love belongs to the bold ones, who, upon a measured and discreet evaluation, dare to achieve a lasting relationship--who cannot abide the shallow, sterile loneliness of a "safety-first" existence. Such people can give more than they receive without feeling misused or even being aware of the apparent inequity. Such is the stuff of which genuine human relationships, especially marriages, are made. (EB)

Manchester Conn
Eugene Preiser

A college professor wrote the words "woman without her man is a savage" on the board, directing the students to punctuate the sentence correctly. *///*

He found the males looked at it one way and the female another.

The males wrote: "Woman, without her man, is a savage."

The females wrote: "Woman! Without her, man is a savage."

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MEN—Love

Married

Ever stop to think that, whereas women may marry for security, to have children or a home of their own, or to avoid being an old maid, men marry, 90% of the time, simply because they are in love? *X*

Someone once called the lack of love — expression between husband and wife — a "diet deficiency." This is an apt description. For man does not live by bread alone; he needs a little cake — with icing on it — once in a while! — Mrs DALE CARNEGIE, *How To Help Your Husband Get Ahead* (Hawthorne).

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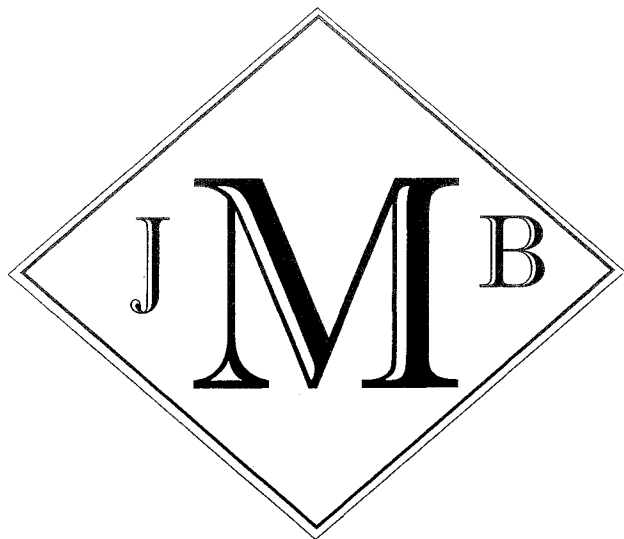
The word 'home' is very powerful. So you'll notice real-estate agents never sell houses; they sell homes. House trailers are mobile homes. A big insurance policy is a home-owner's policy. The people who build houses belong to the Nat'l Ass'n of Home Builders.—Prof WALKER GIBSON, Nat'l Observer, 5-4-74.

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Husbands are like wood fires.
When unattended they go out. X

Ill thrives a hapless family that shows
A cock that's silent, and a hen that crows:
I know not which lives most unnatural lives,
Obeying husbands or commanding wives.



THE HUSBAND'S SINGULAR DUTY

Eph. 5:25--

- I. As two are essential for marriage one of the two is a husband.
 - A. Lipscomb wrote that marriage is the most sacred of ties into which we are not born.
 - B. Exceeded by birth & baptism.
- II. One would think there are many duties assigned the head of the house.
 - A. Financial
 - B. Social
 - C. Religious - and there are, as Cleon Lyles says, "Jim Williams, you do look good in cheap suits."
 - D. Yet it fails to find words like support, communicate, educate in his catalogue of duties.
 1. Rather just one.
 2. It's "love".
 3. Will that do it? Let's see.
- III. Husbands Love Your Wives
 - A. Love is only duty and is the measure of duty. Johnson
 1. He can only rule in love. *1st yr #0*
 2. Love not of passion but of spiritual purity.
 3. Agape
 4. Man's authority is founded in love.
 5. Concerned with well being more than romantic.
 6. 3 things of home - #1
 7. Testing rod - #2

8. 6 things for home - #3

9. Tight shoes - #4

B. Example of Jesus & church

1. Christ was willing to give all things for the welfare of the church.

2. He left the Father for the bride.

3. He wanted the best for the bride.

a) Sanctify

b) Cleanse

c) Wash

d) Word

e) Free of spots: indiscretions of youth, wrinkles of age.

f) No blemish on face or garments.

g) Glorious

h) No bride from earth can be fit for Christ - must come from his side.

4. What holds marriage - Bruskin #5

C. Love as Own Body

1. Shrinks at no sacrifice in order to bless his wife.

2. Note he wanted pure church - let wife be same way.

3. Gladly makes himself a servant for love's sake.

4. Martha love - #6

5. Watered & tended - #7 ?

6. Death of love - #8 — ?

D. Loves her as he loves himself

1. He sees wife as part & parcel of his own living frame - Moule.

2. Has same care for her he does for himself.

3. Cherisheth her

- a) To keep warm
- b) Warm with tender care
- c) Defends with clothing - provides food & raiment
- d) Time gone - #9

4. She is a part of his thoughts.

5. His wife - emphasis on selfness.

- a) A successful marriage requires
 → falling in love many times, always
 with the same person - Mignon
 McLaughlin

IV. Marriage is Leaving & Cleaving, Being One

A. Leave

- 1. Changing ways - #10
- 2. Building blocks - #11

B. Cleave

- 1. Joined
- 2. Glued
- 3. Cemented
- 4. Nothing but death should break it.

C. One

- 1. She makes man complete - one flesh.
- 2. It takes both to make one as originally created.
- 3. If one flesh how could man hate his own flesh.

D. I hope you want nothing different for marriage than God's way - the same for conversion (ceremony) - #12

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MARRIAGE

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In the first year — man speaks and woman listens. In the second year — woman speaks and man listens. In the third year — they both speak and neighbors listen.
— *Illustrated Wkly of India.*

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Love and Marriage

Singer Cliff Barrows of the Billy Graham team told me a few years ago about some of the ways he found to maintain delight and happiness in his own home. "I find marriages are held together by 12 words: he said. "These are *I am wrong, I am sorry, please forgive me, and I love you.*

— Charles R. Swindoll

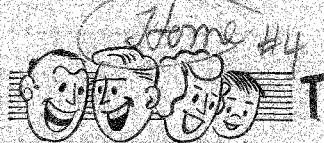
If a testing rod were stuck into your home, would it come out reading "hectic," "critically sour," "bubbling with fun," or "warmly loving"? All homes may run the gamut at times, but what is typical, the usual flavor? Try tape-recording the morning noises of family breakfast, as one family did. Sit down later and listen—not for words, but for the feeling. In what kind of emotional air do your children live?

"The Family That Makes It" — By Mary LeBar — Page 47

Six things needed for a happy home. Six things are requisite to create a happy home. Integrity must be the architect, and tidiness the upholsterer. It must be warmed by affection, lighted by cheerfulness; and industry must be the ventilator, renewing the atmosphere and bringing in fresh salubrity day by day; while over and over as the protecting canopy and glory nothing will suffice except the blessing of God.

Hamilton

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Only Pleasure

(Prize Winner)

Two men were talking. The first said, "These shoes are so tight they're killing me!"

The second man answered, "Well, if they're so tight, why don't you take 'em off?"

"Listen," answered the first man, "when I get home tonight, supper won't be fit to eat. It isn't bad enough that I've gotta look at my mother-in-law, but I've gotta listen to her, too. My daughter married a man I can't stand and they've got four of the meanest kids that ever walked. My loafing brother-in-law will be sittin' in the only easy chair in the house—and the only pleasure I have when I get home is taking off these tight shoes!"

Mrs. J.S.

After your family, what are the three most important things in your home? According to those who answered a poll that was conducted by R.H. Bruskin Associates, the television set and refrigerator tied for first place, the stove and stereo shared second, and the bed came in third.

—Changing Times, 9—1985.

Home

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DON'T FORGET

A **NOTHER FAVORITE** old story tells of the farmer and his wife, married happily for almost half a century, who were sitting in the front porch swing in the cool of the evening. The sun was going down in a blaze of color, the birds were trilling their evensong, the soft breeze wafted the scent of honeysuckle across the porch. The moment was a moving one. The farmer felt strangely moved to speech, and blurted out, "Martha, sometimes I love you so much I can hardly keep from telling you."

During the wedding ceremony as my children stood together at the altar, I thought about married love, how it grows with the passing years when it is watered and tended. Love, fragile as a thread but strong as a rope, holds out lives together. No greater legacy can be given to our children than memories of a father and mother who love each other.

DIVORCE IS A FAMILY AFFAIR. Margaret Johnson - P.112

I waited through the lonely afternoon, reflecting sadly on love and marriage. Where does love go? Does it tiptoe out unsuspectingly and amid dirty dishes, piled-up bills, batches of laundry, early morning feedings, grubby hands, chattering children? Or does it rush out like a torrent, dashing out the door in a blast of fury? Inanely, I thought about the death of love. Could it be buried, cremated, ashes through to the wind?

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68 When as a child
I laughed and wept - time crept!

When as a youth
I dreamed and talked- time walked!

When I became a full-grown man
Time ran!

Then as with the years
I older grew - Time flew!

Soon I shall find - as I travel on -
Time gone!

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#5510—OUR CHANGING WAYS

I found some interesting statistics that prove, very dramatically, that we live today in a time of unprecedented change

In 1950, seventy percent of all households in the United States were what has come to be called Norman Rockwell households. Which is to say that seventy percent of all American households had a full-time working father, a stay-at-home mother, and one or more school-age children, as percent of total households. That was in 1950.

By 1979, it had dropped to only fourteen percent—according to the Department of Commerce, Census Bureau. That's an incredible order of change. In just twenty-nine years, our society changed from having seventy percent of all households with a full-time working father, a stay-at-home mother, and one or more children in school, to just fourteen percent. That so-called traditional American family has virtually disappeared from the American scene!

In 1957, eighty percent of the people believed that a woman who remains unmarried is sick, neurotic or immoral. By 1978 only twenty-five percent held that belief, and by now, I'm certain that percentage has dropped significantly.

Eighty percent of the people used to believe that if a woman has a husband capable of supporting her, she should not work for pay. That statistic today looks like an empty beer can that's been hit from close range by a 12-gauge shotgun. Inflation seems to have put the wife in the work force to stay.

There's been another significant change also: In 1930, a depression year, only one and six-tenths couples per one thousand population were divorced. By 1960 the percentage had risen to two and two-tenths per thousand of population. By 1970 it was

three and five-tenths. And by 1979, there were five and one-tenth divorces per one thousand population. Clearly, divorce is a factor of affluence; as personal income goes up, so does the divorce rate. When the struggle to survive is most difficult, marriages work . . . or at least people don't get divorced. Either they can't afford it, or they just tend to stick together in adversity, which is more likely the case.

All of these mind-boggling changes in ways and attitudes have taken place in little more than a single generation . . . a generation being just thirty-some years. It's incredible. And now, it's believed by such research experts as Daniel Yankelovich, that we are evolving into a much sounder society; one that seeks commitment and fulfillment; one that takes a more serious attitude toward work and life style.

We've gone through some giddy and precarious times in the memory of most of us who were born prior to World War II. The worst depression in the country's history and the worst war the world has ever known, followed by a world wide shake-up that's still going on. There was Korea and Vietnam, and in the meantime, there was a society trying to find some sanity in it all. Well, perhaps we're moving into a truly sane period now. A difficult time, there's no doubt about that. But a time in which we seem to have discovered that what we are is more important than what we have. And a time in which what we do is important.

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Through all the changes we've seen and lived through . . . public opinion has undergone, apparently, the most change of all

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Homes are the building blocks of civilization. #44

Arnold J. Toynbee

A house is built of logs and stone,

Of tiles and posts and piers;

A home is built of loving deeds

That stand for a thousand years.

- Victor Hugo.

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#12
of marriage and naturalization. In every true marriage contract, there are three distinct changes, heart, life, state. Here is a young man worth a million, who meets a girl in very moderate circumstances; her handsome face, pure, sweet spirit, and winsome manner attract the young millionaire; their mutual faith in each other changes their hearts. They love each other; their purpose to be one in life to share each other's joys and bear each other's sorrows changes their life toward each other; but it takes a marriage ceremony, a certain form appointed by law to change their relation. If one hour before the marriage ceremony is performed, he suddenly drops dead; notwithstanding the fact that the young couple had been changed in heart, and life; it would leave the young woman in poverty. But, if he would drop dead an hour after the marriage ceremony had been performed, the law of the

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state would give her a third of a million, and why? that ceremony cause them to love each other more—
tainly not. It changed their relation. It made her a bride. She put on his name—*there is something in a ceremony*, a mere form. Now in conversion we become the bride of Christ. The Lamb's wife: We are married to Christ. Faith changes the heart; repentance the life; the Lord has made Christian baptism the marriage ceremony; the institution by which the believing penitent puts on Christ. Paul said: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ—have put on Christ." Baptism has nothing to do with the heart or life, but it is the divinely appointed means to change the state, because God so arranged it. It is the consummating act in coming into Christ, and you have agreed already with me, that no conversion is complete, until the individual is in Christ Jesus. The author of the "Bonnie Brier Bush", Enon McLean, a Presbyterian minister said, as recorded in one of his latest works: "The Mind of the Master": "In baptism the candidate for God's Kingdom disappears into water, and appears again with another name". Mr. Watson has set forth in a few words most clearly the purpose of baptism in conversion—the change of heart may be the work of weeks or months, but the change of state is the work of a moment. This is seen in the official oath, which the successful candidate to the Presidency of this great nation is required to take on the fourth day of March.—On the inauguration day at Washington the elected candidate stands before the Supreme Justice, and in the presence of the people, just a man among men, without any authority. But when he takes the official oath, his relationship to the people is changed: He stands clothed with the authority of a President; now the official oath will not make him a good President, if he has not the qualifications of head, and heart, and life *before* taking the oath of office. The oath will not give them to him. But if qualified, the oath changes his relation and makes him a President in authority. Now I think we understand. Unless a person is converted—changed in heart and life, a believing penitent person, baptism will do no good—but if the heart is purified by

A woman came home to find her husband trying to use a thimble in patching a pair of overalls.

"The thimble is on the wrong finger," she said.

He looked up at her and said, "I know. It should be on yours."

X "Grandpa, it says here that there are 20 per cent more women at age seventy-five than men."

"At age seventy-five," sighed Grandpa, "who cares?"

Quote

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A generation that believed the lie "If you can't be with the one you love, love the one you're with" suddenly faces the fact that progeny may not bear its name. Hence, sperm banks and similar means of circumventing infertility appear attractive. The edict of Gen.2:24, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh," fuses marriage and parenthood into a single, God-ordained institution. Furthermore, the covenant between Christ and his church is expressed on earth by the union of man with woman in holy matrimony.

To separate sexuality from this context for narcissistic motives destroys the meaning of the marriage union. Becoming "one flesh" is a spiritual mystery

not necessarily fulfilled by the mixing and matching of biological plumbing and its by-products. Before babies-for-brew become a stocked shelf item at our local labs, Christians need to seriously consider God's mandate for matrimony and his scheme for sexuality.

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WOMEN—Working

There will be 52,000,000 working women by 1990 according to an independent research survey. If the prediction is correct, it will mean that 55 per cent of all women over 16 will be working. — *Changing Times*.

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Quote

Quotable Speakers

WOMEN AND WORK

JACQUELINE D S-JOHN, Assoc Prof of History, Univ of Nebraska at Omaha.

Today, for the first time in American history, half of the nation's women are in the labor force, i.e. working outside the home or family environment. In 1978, 50 per cent of the women 16 years of age or older were either working or looking for work. Specifically, women hold about 42 per cent of the jobs in the United States and their entry into the industrial-labor market continues at a rapid pace.

Why do American women work? American women work because they have to work and they want to work; almost 70 per cent between ages 20 and 54 are working. Significantly, 54 per cent of America's black women are working, 50 per cent of America's white women are working and 23 per cent of all women 55 years or older are employed or looking for work.

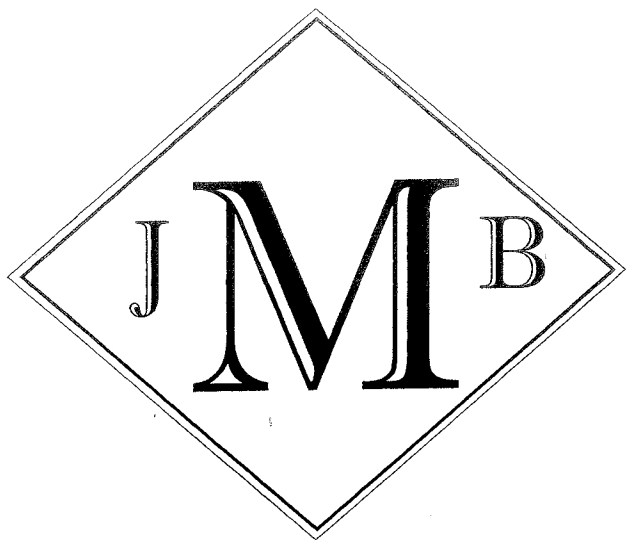
This is the century of the working woman!

The term "working woman" is a paradoxical one. Women have always worked. During the early years of the republic, women were involved in agrarian activities and in crafts and businesses. Later, in the nineteenth century, women, as well

as children, were inducted into the emerging industrial economy as factory workers.

Women's work, however, has been dual in nature. Women, traditionally, have not only been primarily responsible for all domestic responsibilities associated with home and family, but their productivity, inside and outside the home, has been consistently undervalued and ignored. For too long, men and women have accepted societal norms emphasizing women's role as that of homemaker and the myth that women worked for "Pin money" rather than necessity. What is extraordinary is that reality has failed to destroy the myth. The reality is that the median salary of women in full-time employment is approximately 56 per cent of that of men and the wage differential is widening — to the detriment of women...

The inescapable conclusion is that sex discrimination is pervasive in American society and a fact of life to every American "working woman" regardless of age, education, work experience or professional competency.



ONE OF GOD'S OLDEST COMMANDMENTS

Eph. 6:1-3

- I. We grant you, God has changed some of His commands.

Ill? Wake up sleep

- A. Dietary foods
- B. Animal sacrifice
- C. Place & procedure of worship
- D. Music
- E. Circumcision
- F. Percentage of Giving

- II. Some laws never changed - however you want to say it:

Eph. 6:1-3

- III. This we want to examine both for the child, the parent, and the future parent.

A. Children

Family life P. 126-130

- 1. ~~Word can embrace wide age.~~
- 2. ~~We should ever be grateful for our heritage and live so that this is easy for our children.~~

*Maybe
wrong*

- 3. Dobson - Cradles of Eminence #1.

4. Stages:

- a) A baby has a way of making a man out of his father & a boy out of his grandfather - Angie Papadakis.

- b) When to bed? #2

- c) Crying & feeding #3, #4

- d) Development #5

- e) Boys #6 - *Men Rock*

B. Obey

I Rebell him #64

- 1. Duty of obedience to parents is older than Christianity - Johnson.

Whitney Young 6/2

2. God has always required obedience of child to parent - Lipscomb.

Deut. 21:18-21 - *Flora 1/11/19*

3. God's law that's never removed - Clark.
 4. 1st duty of children is obedience. - P.C.
 5. It continues to old age.
 6. It does not change with the spirit of the age.
 - 6½. It literally means to keep on obeying.
 7. Standard Editorial #7
 8. Fired folk card #8
 9. Bill Haughton card #9
 10. Compliant children #10
 11. Academic achievement #11
 12. Rebellion #12, #13
- C. Parents - mother & father

1. Obey both

Exo. 20:12

- Honors the Father & Mother*
- a) Same as ship's "Now hear this."
 - b) Tense - continuous action.
 2. Child is part of both parents.
 3. Clip - Broken Homes #14
 4. What my home means to me #15
 5. Seek to honor them.
 - a) Love
 - b) Reverence - held in great value
 - c) Assist

D. In the Lord

1. Our duty to Christ above all duties.

2. Evidently the obedience demanded is more than of a toddler. It continues until wise enough to discern truth & error.
3. Thus see a "limited submission."
4. In obeying parents he obeys the Lord.
5. How do you teach about God article #16. 17

E. Command with Promise

1. Blessings always come to those who obey God.
2. P.C. says promise is only general, not for a specific individual - there are exceptions.
3. Obedience suits you for the long life ahead.
 - a) Self control
 - b) Self discipline
 - c) Teachable spirit
 - d) Recognition of authority

B. Empty nest - Wallpaper #18
Royal Oak Church, Detroit, MI - 12/9/87

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The destiny of any nation, at any given
time, depends on the opinions of its young
men under twenty-five.

Goethe
Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

HOME FIRES - Chas. L. Allen p. 92

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Once a man walked out during the pulpit message. After the service, the man of the cloth asked his wife, "Was he ill?" She said, "No -- he always walks in his sleep."

FAMILY LIFE

The family is guide to the infant, to the schoolboy with his satchel, with luck through the first two decades of life, standing particularly firm for wisdom, conscience and high values during adolescence so that a boy will not yield to a weak choice and fritter away the promise in his life. As an army marches on its stomach, so a nation's future rests on the sturdiness of family life.

— CYNTHIA PROPPER SETON, *A Special and Curious Blessing* (Norton).

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earlier. In a famous study by Victor and Mildred Goertzel, entitled Cradles of Eminence, the home backgrounds of four hundred highly successful people were investigated. These four hundred subjects were individuals who had made it to the top. They were men and women whose names you would recognize as brilliant or outstanding in their respective fields (Churchill, Gandhi, F. D. Roosevelt, Schweitzer, Einstein, Freud, etc.). The intensive investigation into their early home lives yielded some surprising findings:

1. Three-fourths of the children [were] troubled—by poverty; by a broken home; by rejecting, over-possessive, estranged, or dominating parents; by financial ups and downs; by physical handicaps; or by parental dissatisfaction over the children's school failures or vocational choices.
2. Seventy-four of eighty-five writers of fiction or drama and sixteen of twenty poets [came] from homes where, as children, they saw tense psychological dramas played out by their parents.
3. Handicaps such as blindness; deafness; being crippled, sickly, homely, undersized, or overweight; or having a speech defect [occurred] in the childhoods of over one-fourth of the sample.

It seems very apparent that the need to compensate for their disadvantages was a major factor in their struggle for personal achievement. It may even have been *the* determining factor.

There have been thousands, perhaps millions, of inadequate persons who used compensation to achieve esteem and

Handwritten note: "Handicaps" written vertically on the left margin.

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A famous pediatrician was asked by a mother what the best time was to put her children to bed.

"While you still have the strength," was the answer.

HOME FIRES - Chas. L. Allen - P. 60

No matter what kind of schedule has been set up, babies know when to start crying. In doing so, they can disrupt even the most general of schedules. They'll start crying when: 1) you're preparing a meal, 2) you're trying to eat the meal you've prepared, 3) you're cleaning up after the meal. They'll wake up when you're ready to go to sleep. They'll sleep when you want them to wake up so you can get to a certain place at a particular time. They'll dirty so many diapers that they'll completely destroy your once-a-week washing schedule.

Children

"I Now Pronounce You Parent"-Baker, p. 42

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address
It may be messier for the child to feed himself; more untidy *#4*
for him to dress himself; less clean when he attempts to
bathe himself; less perfect for him to comb his hair; but
unless his mother learns to sit on her hands and allow the
child to cry and to try, she will overdo for the child, and
independence will be delayed.

"Dr. Dobson Answers Your Qts. About Confident
Healthy Families" - James Dobson, p. 56

IN THE STUDY OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT there is a concept
known as the "development task," a learning level which
generally follows upon the heels of another and which,
if neglected, may prevent further development levels of
learning. For instance, a child generally learns to read
between kindergarten and third grade. A shift takes place
around the fourth grade and from this point on, the child
"reads to learn." If the development shift does not
occur, learning in future grades may be stymied. Child
experts emphasize that the process of building new
developmental tasks upon earlier ones is essential to *#5*
healthy maturation.

Children
-Karen & David Mains

"Parenting Us, How God Does It
p. 53

Between the innocence of babyhood and the dignity of manhood we find a delightful creature called a boy. Boys come in assorted sizes, weights, and colors, but all boys have the same creed: to enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every day and to protest with noice (their only weapon) when their last minute is finished and the adult males pack them off to bed at night.

Boys are found everywhere--on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older sisters and brothers tolerate them, adults ignore them, and Heaven protects them. A boy is Truth with dirt on its face, Beauty with a cut on its finger, Wisdom with bubble gum in its hair, and the Hope of the future with a frog in

its pocket...

A boy is a magical creature--you can lock him out of your workshop, but y ou can't lock him out of your heart. You can get him out of your study, but you can't get him out of your mind. Might as well give up - he is your captor, y our jailor, your boss, and your master- a freckle-faced, pint-sized, cat-chasing, bundle of noise. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them like new with the two magic words, "Hi Dad!"

-Alan Beck

A boy is a noise with some dirt on it.

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Dear Dr. Dobson:

A few months ago, I was making several phone calls in the family room where my three-year-old daughter, Adrienne, and my five-month-old son, Nathan, were playing quietly. Nathan loves Adrienne, who has been learning how to mother him gently since the time of his birth.

I suddenly realized that the children were no longer in view. Panic-stricken, I quickly hung up the phone and went looking for the pieces. Down the hall and around the corner, I found the children playing cheerfully in Adrienne's bedroom.

Relieved and upset, I shouted, "Adrienne, you know you are not allowed to carry Nathan! He is too little and you could hurt him if he fell!"

Startled, she answered, "I didn't, Mommy."

Knowing he couldn't crawl, I suspiciously demanded, "Well, then, how did he get all the way into your room?"

Confident of my approval for her obedience, she said with a smile, "I rolled him!"

He is still alive and they are still best friends.

Sincerely

Can't you imagine how this kid felt during his journey down the hall? I'll bet the walls and ceiling are still spinning past his eyes! He didn't complain, however, so I assume he enjoyed the experience.

ADULTS—Youth

I say to the adult who does not listen to the young; he forfeits the right to leadership. And I say to the young person who does not listen to the adult; he is not ready for leadership. —

WHITNEY M YOUNG, Jr,
"Beyond Racism?" *Jnl of the
Nat'l Ass'n of Women Deans and
Counselors*, Smr '70.

ADVERTISING

Discipline in the Home—In contrast to the permissiveness proposed by child-rearing experts in recent years, authorities today seem ready to recognize the need for proper discipline.

Even such a noted advocate of child indulgence as Dr. Benjamin Spock has come out in support of firm discipline, declaring, "Parental firmness also makes for a happier child." He added, "Parental submissiveness doesn't avoid unpleasantness; it makes it inevitable." ("How Not to Bring Up a Bratty Child," *Redbook*, February, 1974, pp. 29-31).

Certainly no one would argue that a parent become a drill sergeant or a child abuser. Still there is a place for corrective, punitive discipline.

Solomon explained, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Proverbs 22:15). And he added, "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die" (Proverbs 23:13).

Countless adults can testify to the value of such training when given by loving parents. In his best-selling book, *Everything but Money*, Sam Levenson says he did not grow up with the idea that he could do whatever he pleased. It was understood in his family that parents knew best. His father told him, "When I want your opinion, I'll give it to you."

Levenson writes of his mother, "I didn't know mothers were supposed to use psychology on children. I knew they used whatever was immediately available, like shaving strops, wooden ladles, or the ever-ready palm of the hand which wise Mother Nature had shaped to fit perfectly over the rear end of a child."

Discipline, of course, means more than spanking. It comes from the same root as "disciple" and carries the idea of instructing, educating, training. John M. Drescher put it like this: "Discipline involves the total molding of the child's character through encouraging good behavior and correcting unacceptable behavior. Punishment is the part of discipline which provides a short-term, temporary deterrent" (*Seven Things Children Need*, p. 109).

As parents we must show our children what is right, not just tell them. If I instruct my son not to cheat, I must demonstrate that I am honest. If he is to accept my warning about the bad effects of drugs on his body, he must see that I do not use alcohol or tobacco to harm mine. We must demonstrate that we attempt to live what we profess.

Cloverbrook Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, invited Dr. Wallace Denton for a visit earlier this year. He is Professor of Family Studies at Purdue University. He met with the teenagers there and asked them to name

some of the mistakes parents make. The list was enlightening. It included:

1. Overprotective. Hover over children.
2. Fly off the handle too easily.
3. Don't trust their children.
4. Spoil one child and give him/her preferential treatment over the others.
5. Underprotective. Don't care enough to set limits.
6. Take frustrations out on the kids.
7. Say no, but do not give a reason.

The list offers helpful guidance to concerned parents. Children want their parents to be fair, to care about them, and to be an example for them. All of these elements are included in the divine directive: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Many of those who doubt the accuracy of this principle have failed to consider that proper training includes both example and attitude, along with facts.

The New Testament commands children to obey their parents. Coupled with this, however, is a reminder to parents. "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

If the family is to survive in our society, Christian parents must take seriously their obligation to provide guidance at every stage of development. We must, as Dr. James Dobson has said, "dare to discipline."

Included in Campus Ministry—This issue contains several items written by people associated with campus life. CHILDREN—Example

Solomon wrote "The professed college teacher wrote in the presence of the child p. 17).

Of which we would not be perfectly ministers and will be 8. This list, Christ will have it imitate. Exam- ple is the only teacher the child n of Christian Studer needs or heeds. —MAX HEINDEL, "The Rosicrucian Principles of Child Training," *Rosicrucian Fellowship Mag*, 9-70. want to clip and save. 1. C ristian campus work sch they go away to

2. ENCOURAGEMENT students to the

A pat on the back, though only y are attending. This a few vertebrae removed from a k up the campus mini kick in the pants, is miles ahead in port at least one of th results. — *Royal Neighbor*, 9-69.

In these ways, all of us can be involved in the valuable work of campus ministry.

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Incidentally, in another study of people who were fired from their places of employment, fewer than 20% lost their jobs for the lack of technical knowledge and skill. More than 89% were released because of their inability to get along with people.

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These findings would not surprise Bill Haughton, a successful real estate broker and former Marine living in Dallas, TX. He was in the industrial distribution business for 30 years, starting as the first employee and eventually selling the company in 1980 when there were 450 employees in 40 locations. Bill and I have become good friends, and I once asked him how he selected new employees. His answer was surprising. He said the first thing he wanted to know about any young man who applied for a job was the nature of his relationship with his father. If it was stormy, he would not hire him.

Bill explained his reasoning: "If a boy learned to accept authority under his dad, the chances were good he would later accept the leadership of his employers. But if he was a rebel, he was more

likely to cause difficulties in my business."

I then asked Bill how he screened women. Again his perspective was unique, even if controversial. He said, "women are more difficult to assess in the beginning. You don't really know them until they are on the job. Unfortunately, they can be meaner than men. When I realize I have hired an office malcontent, someone who is always working to get ahead of the pecking order, then I know I have erred. She will create continual morale problems. She must go or my shop will be chaotic!"

For women, however, beauty retains its number one position throughout life, even into middle age and beyond. The reason the average woman would rather have beauty than brains is because she knows the average man can see better than he can think. Her value system is based on his and will probably continue that way. A man's personal preferences are also rooted in the opinions of the opposite sex, since most women value intelligence over handsomeness in men. "Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions About Confident Healthy Families - James Dobson, pg 69

Finally, parents were asked to indicate how their grown sons and daughters had achieved in their adult pursuits. Which group do you think succeeded best, the strong-willed or the compliant?

The very compliant.

Again the pattern held...69% of compliant children then as young adults, were considered to be successful or highly successful by their parents. Only 56% of the strong-willed were given this accolade. When one looks at the frequency of failure in the same context, the compliant come out winners once more: 11% vs 22%.

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THE FIVE-year-old boy was terribly spoiled. His grandparents knew it. The neighbors knew it. But his mother doted on him. He hardly left her side. And when he wanted anything, he either whined, cried or threw a temper tantrum. Then came his first day away from her loving arms—his first day of school.

When he came home from school his mother met him at the door. "Was school all right?" she asked. "Did you get along all right? Did you cry?"

"Cry?" he asked. "No, I didn't cry, but the teacher did."

Which individual is more likely to have an edge in academic achievement? #11

The very compliant child.

More than three times as many strong-willed teenagers made D's and F's during the last two years of high school as did compliant teenagers (19% vs 5%). Conversely, twice as many compliant adolescents made A's (45% vs 25%). Of all very compliant teenagers, 79% were A and B students, compared with 53% of very strong-willed kids. The same pattern was also evident in Grades 6, 9, and to a lesser degree, in college.

Which individual typically makes the best social adjustment in adolescence?

The very compliant child.

Again there is a remarkable difference between

these two categories of children, favoring the compliant child by a wide margin. During adolescence, 35% of the compliant children were said to have "no social problems," compared with only 15% of the strong-willed. Likewise 5% of the compliant had "many social problems" compared with 16% of the strong-willed.

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What happens to the rebellious nature of very strong-willed children as they move through the years? ¹²#13

Approximately 40 percent rebel in toddlerhood, and the percentages rise in every age category through adolescence, reaching a peak of 74% in the teen years.

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What percentage of very compliant children eventually go into severe rebellion in either adolescence or young adulthood?

Only 3 percent.

What percentage of very compliant children eventually go into mild rebellion in either adolescence or young adulthood?

Only 14 percent.

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P.40

The single most effective deterrent to negative peer pressure is a good self-image. The secure teen is the only one most likely to withstand peer pressure. Therefore, we need to teach our young people to see themselves as God sees them - with infinite worth and value because of God's creative/redemptive plan. Young people who find their acceptance in a loving/accepting relationship with God and their parents are better protected against moral blackmail from their peers. And such relationships should start with their parents.

HELP YOUR CHILD SAY "NO" TO SEXUAL PRESSURE. p. 37-38

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The importance of grandparents in the lives of little children is immeasurable. A young child with the good fortune to have grandparents nearby benefits in countless ways. It has a place to share its joys, its sorrows, to find a sympathetic and patient listener, to be loved.

A child without grandparents can feel the lack of roots and a lack of connectedness. It misses a chance to link up with the past. Questions and answers about the "old days" locate a child historically in his own smallworld. It provides a sense of inner security and a feeling of belonging.

-Edward Wakin

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HOMES—Broken 114

~~More than seven million of the~~
~~76 million children in this~~
~~country live in fatherless~~
~~homes—homes wrecked by~~
~~desertion, divorce and~~
~~illegitimacy.~~—JOSEPH H.
REID & MAXINE PHILLIPS,
"Child Welfare Since 1912,"
Children Today, 3-4-72

.....A full belly makes a dull brain. —
FRANKLIN.

Quote

More than a half-million teenagers leave home each year to escape the tensions of marital problems, drug- or alcohol-dependent parents, and school difficulties. 90% of runaways return within forty eight hours. Fifty thousand never go back. Most turn to prostitution as a means of support. America has one million teenage prostitutes fourteen years of age or younger. Most are runaways. Every 12 months five thousand teenagers are buried. They die or are killed, and no one claims their bodies.

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What My Home Means to Me

By Third Graders

X My home gives my family shelter and a place to sleep and a good place for my dog.

In my home my two favorite places are my bathroom and my bedroom. My bedroom has a wooden floor and it's far-out! Without it I'd have to sleep in the hallway, then I'd be trampled! And I don't like that! Without my bathroom I'd be *dead* by now!

My home might seem a little crabby to you, but it is something special to me. I love every little bit of it.

In our big red brick house you probably think there are lots of us kids. But you're wrong, I am the only kid. That's all I have to say.

I like my home because when my Mom and Dad get mad I go in my closet then I go into the kitchen and slam the door and they think I went outside.

I love my home almost more than anything in the world. I have lived in it for two and a half years. If I didn't have a home, I would probably be freezing outside. Whoever invented a home sure is smart.

— *Excerpts from actual essays for a contest, compiled by Ed Thirkhill*

Dan Marino, professional football player, quarterback, Miami Dolphins: "It's important for kids to have role models, but I think the real role models should be their parents; like the father. Parents are the ones who are really concerned about the kid. I know a lot of athletes who are concerned, but it's tough for one athlete to get on a one-to-one basis with every kid he's in touch with."

A teenager became an extremely critical backseat driver after completing a driver education course. Finally, her new license arrived and it was her turn behind the wheel. The roads were wet and slippery and when she braked at a stop sign, the car began to slide sideways through the intersection toward a parked car.

"Daddy, what do I do?" she shrieked.

"Quick, jump into the backseat," he answered.
"You'll think of something."

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"My teenage daughter is at that awkward age,"
one mother said. "She knows how to make phone
calls, but she doesn't know how to end them."

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Memo to Moms and Dads—
Irene R. Steigerwald

How Do You Teach About God?

A prominent psychiatrist calls it foolish, even dangerous, to teach belief in God to a young or preschool child. He labels this "learning that precedes understanding."

He uses as an example the difficulty of explaining to a child how Jesus walked on water. Yet any of us can look up into the sky and see men flying through the air in planes—a great "miracle" we all take for granted, even our children, but few of us understand.

As a matter of fact, most of us go on learning things that we do not understand all of our adult lives. I have learned to change a fuse when the lights go out, but I don't understand the force known as electricity (nor does anyone else, including the electrician).

Certain things cannot be left to the child to decide. Religious training is one of them. Parents may say they don't want to influence their children, but they are teaching about God daily—by actions, tone of voice, attitude, and spirit. The idea that parents should not impose their standards on the child is a vicious one. Children need a dependable moral code to fol-

low and a faith in God to give them guidance. "If your parents don't believe in God, it's hard for you to believe in Him," was the poignant comment of a sixth grader.

The psychiatrist goes on to say that boys and girls must be taught "an easy-to-live-with God," that they must never be taught that God is capable of punishing us. This is not only foolish, it is dishonest as well. If there is no effective punishment, how shall justice be served?

We do not need to teach that He is a God of Hell-fire and brimstone (to little ones), but that He reveals a way of life that blesses His followers.

Sometimes when learning precedes understanding, it has its humorous side. In our family, when the children returned from services, their grandfather always asked what they had learned that Sunday. One of the children reported this Scripture: "Don't worry, you'll get a blanket!" Upon inquiry we found the verse was: "He shall give you another Comforter!"

Where teaching about God is concerned, there's good news and bad news. The good news is that you can't avoid teaching your child about God, because actions, attitudes, and relationships in the family all shout what you think. And your child absorbs it by precept and example from the day of his birth. The bad news is that we sometimes teach wrongly!

What are you teaching in your home? Do your children know God is love?

"What is the right age to introduce biblical truths?"

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Economists estimate the cost of raising a child to age 18 is approximately \$100,000. Is that expense, to say nothing of the irritation and anxiety accompanying child-rearing, worth the investment if the offspring becomes a source of spiritual dissatisfaction? Many Christians want to assure that the child will not be a source of spiritual dissatisfaction. Thus they expose their children to God's Word at an early age, even reading Scripture aloud while the baby is still in the womb.

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not enough knowledge in the books, mine or anyone else's, to counteract the evil that surrounds our kids today. Our teenagers are confronted by drugs, alcohol, sex and foul language wherever they turn. And, of course, the peer pressure on them is enormous. We must bathe them in prayer every day of their lives. The God who made your
promised to
you do.

I liked the story of the mother of five is. He has who was asked, "What do you hope your next child will be?" She answered, more than "A grandchild."

Finally, I have a word of encouragement prepared especially for those of you who are depressed today. It is a message written by a loving mother named Joan Mills, who must be a very special lady. She expressed her feelings about her children in an article that initially appeared in a 1981 issue of *Reader's Digest*. It is called "Season of the Empty Nest," and I believe you will be touched by the warmth of these words.

Remember when the children built blanket tents to sleep in? And then scrambled by moonlight to their own beds, where they'd be safe from bears? And how proud and eager they were to be starting kindergarten? But only up to the minute they got there? And the time they packed cardboard suitcases in such a huff? "You won't see us again!" they hollered. Then they turned back at the end of the yard because they'd forgotten to go to the bathroom.

It's the same thing when they're 20 or 22, starting to make their own way in the grownup world. Bravado, pangs, false starts and pratfalls. They're half in, half out. "Good-by, good-by! Don't worry, Mom!" They're back the first weekend to borrow the paint roller and a fuse and a broom. Prowling the attic, they seize on the quilt the dog ate and the terrible old sofa cushions that smell

like dead mice. "Just what I need!" they cheer, loading the car.

"Good-by, good-by!" implying forever. But they show up without notice at suppertimes, sighing soulfully to see the familiar laden plates. They go away again, further secured by four bags of groceries, the electric frying pan and a cookbook.

They call home collect, but not as often as parents need to hear. And their news makes fast-graying hair stand on end: ". . . so he forgot to set the brake, and he says my car rolled three blocks backward down the hill before it was totaled!" ". . . simple case of last hired, first fired, no big deal. I sold the stereo, and . . ." "Mom! Everybody in the city has them! There's this roach stuff you put under the sink. It's . . ."

I gripped the phone with both hands in those days, wishing I could bribe my children back with everything they'd ever wanted—drum lessons, a junk-food charge account, anything. I struggled with an unbecoming urge to tell them once more about hot breakfasts and crossing streets and dry socks on wet days.

"I'm so impressed by how you cope!" I said instead.

The children scatter, and parents draw together, remembering sweetshaped infants heavy in their arms, patched jeans, chicken pox, the night the accident happened, the rituals of Christmases and proms. With wistful pride and a feeling for the comic, they watch over their progeny from an effortfully kept distance. It is the season of the empty nest.

Slowly, slowly, there are changes. Something wonderful seems to hover then, faintly heard, glimpsed in illumined moments. Visiting the children, the parents are almost sure of it.

A son spreads a towel on the table and efficiently irons a perfect crease into his best pants. (*Ironing boards*, his mother thinks, adding to a mental shopping

list.) "I'm taking you to a French restaurant for dinner," the young man announces. "I've made reservations." "Am I properly dressed?" his mother asks, suddenly shy. He walks her through city streets within the aura of his assurance. His arm lies lightly around her shoulders.

Or a daughter offers her honored guest the only two chairs she has and settles into a harem heap of floor pillows. She has raised plants from cutting, framed a wall full of prints herself, spent three weekends refinishing the little dresser that glows in a square of sun.

Her parents regard her with astonished love. The room has been enchanted by her touch. "Everything's charming," they tell her honestly. "It's a real home."

Now? Is it *now*? Yes. The something wonderful descends. The generations smile at one another, as if exchanging congratulations. The children are no longer children. The parents are awed to discover adults.

It is wonderful, in ways my imagination had not begun to dream on. How could I have guessed—how could they?—that of my three, the shy one would pluck a dazzling array of competencies out of the air and turn up, chatting with total poise, on TV shows? That the one who turned his adolescence into World War III would find his role in arduous, sensitive human service? Or that the unbookish, antic one, torment of his teachers, would evolve into a scholar, tolerating a student's poverty and writing into the night?

I hadn't suspected that my own young adults would be so ebulliently funny one minute, and so tellingly introspective the next: so openhearted and unguarded. Or that growing up would inspire them to buy life insurance and three-piece suits and lend money to the siblings they'd once robbed of lollypops. Or that walking into their houses, I'd hear Mozart on the tape player and find books laid out for me to borrow.

Once, long ago, I waited nine months at a time to

see who they would be, babes newly formed and wondrous. "Oh, *look!*" I said, and fell in love. Now my children are wondrously new to me in a different way. I am in love again.

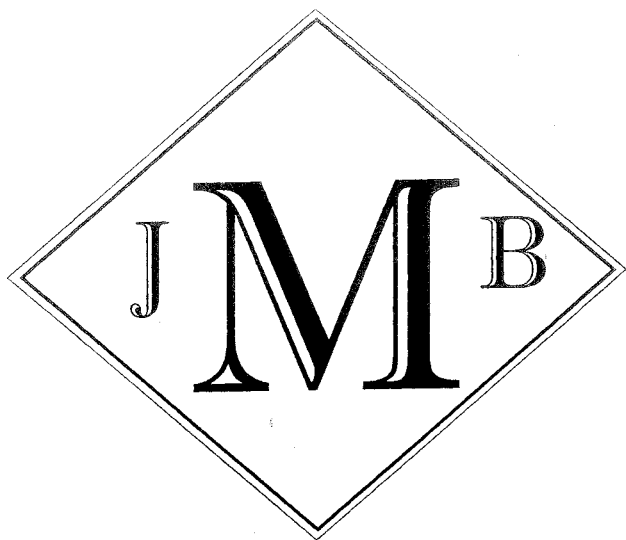
My daughter and I freely share the complex world of our inner selves, and all the other worlds we know. Touched, I notice how her rhythms and gestures are reminding of her grandmother's or mine. We are linked by unconscious mysteries and benignly watched by ghosts. I turn my head to gaze at her. She meets my look and smiles.

A son flies the width of the country for his one vacation in a whole long year. He follows me around the kitchen, tasting from the pots, handing down the dishes. We brown in the sun. Read books in silent synchrony. He jogs. I tend the flowers. We walk at the unfurled edge of great waves. We talk and talk, and later play cribbage past midnight. I'm utterly happy.

"But it's your vacation!" I remind him. "What shall we do that's special?"

"This," he says. "Exactly this."

When my children first ventured out and away, I felt they were in flight to outer space, following a curve of light and time to such unknowns that my heart would surely go faint with trying to follow. I thought this would be the end of parenting. Not what it is—the best part; the final, firmest bonding; the goal and the reward.*



CHILDREN EYEBALL TO EYEBALL WITH AN APOSTLE

Eph. 6:1-4

I. How would you find it more exciting:

- A. I'll see how religion affects every relationship of life.
- B. I'll see how Christianity elevates and purifies.
- C. I'll watch an apostle come eyeball to eyeball with children.

II. Apostle draws the bead.

A. Children

- 1. Direct address.
- 2. As before people who are to obey are taken on first.

B. Obey parents in the Lord.

- 1. It didn't take him long to get to the point.
- 2. It is a religious obligation imposed by Christ for children to obey parents. (Bruce)
- 3. After all he did.

Luke 2:51-52 *& continued in sub. to them*

- 4. The truth does not change with the spirit of the age.
- 5. Life is better if children obey.
- 6. Home the nursery of all that blesses the world.
- 7. Children need to be piloted 'til they reach the open sea of life.
- 8. Why obey?
 - a) It's right.
 - b) It's a command.

c) It has a promise.

9. Disobedience is heinous.

Rom. 1:30 *haters of God, inventors of evil; disobedient*

2 Tim. 3:2 *"keeping his ch. under control & self"*

10. It brings a troubled future. *dignity*

C. Parents

1. If children are right with their parents all else follows. *#1*

2. Need to expect obedience. *Teen values*

Exo. 20:12 *Honor your father*

Deut. 5:16 *Ibid*

3. They have guidelines--can't do as they please toward children.

D. In the Lord.

1. Parents need qualifications of self-sacrificing love.

2. Parents are in the church.

3. Let life's lessons be drawn from "in the Lord."

Ecc. 12:11 *Words of wise men are like goods*

4. When parents countermand God, disobedience becomes a duty.

III. It is right.

A. Takes stand on primeval sense of right and wrong. (Meyers)

B. In Dardanelle someone took "Speed Limit 30" and added a backward 3, making it "80". It was right by the Tyson processing plant on a residential street. You knew it was not right.

IV. It takes more than obedience--must honor father and mother.

A. Ever honor parents--not just obey.

Deut. 27:17

Mal. 1:6 *A son honors his father, servant master*Lev. 19:32 *Rise before gray headed, honor aged; rev. bed*Prov. 23:22 *Listen to your father who beget you*Heb. 12:9 *We have earthly f. to discipline us if we respect*Col. 3:20 *O. be obed. to parents in all things*B. Reverence must be shown in obedience.1. Solomon rose from throne, bowed to his mother, and had a seat beside him placed for her.2. Children need to thank parents.3. Some children want to see what they can get out of their parents--
I bought chair to save for drunk's mother.C. Parents must be worthy of honor.D. If children respect their parents they will behave themselves--who wants a drunkard son.D. Command with promise.1. All of God's commandments carry blessings in their bosoms.

Prov. 19:11

2. Obedience is profitable.3. Country Gentleman clip. #2V. Now to parents--first, fathers.A. Fathers.1. Mothers less likely to be severe.2. Capricious, dictatorial parents not the answer.B. Provoke not.1. Must not be unreasonable in

demands made of children. (Clip on duck) #3

2. To be violently angry with a child is wrong.
3. Warning against severity.
4. Don't over-command.
5. We've tender plants to grow.
6. Children disciplined by power and reason.

C. Bring up. #4

1. Parents must instruct children--God expects it.
2. "Not to teach religion is to teach impiety and infidelity." Rousseau
- 2 Tim. 3:15 *from childhood you have known*
3. Whip a boy for lying while parent says "If I've told you a thousand times...etc."
4. If you don't use the rod on the child, he'll use it on you.
- Prov. 1:9 *"Graceful wreath - ornament about neck"*
5. Poem "Daddy's Girl"

D. Nurture

1. It's easier to be severe or indulgent but children need the nurture and admonition.
2. Chastening, instruction.
3. Nurture, to educate in general.

E. Admonition

1. By the word given.
2. Appeal to reason.
3. Truths as God would supply.
4. What would God say to our children.

Certain colleges agreed to ask applicants to fill out unsigned questionnaires frankly stating what they thanked their parents most for and in what way, if any, their mothers or fathers had failed them. The results were astounding! For although not a single boy or girl knew what any other wrote, every one of them in some way mentioned discipline.- BEULAH FRANCE, "Country Gentleman."

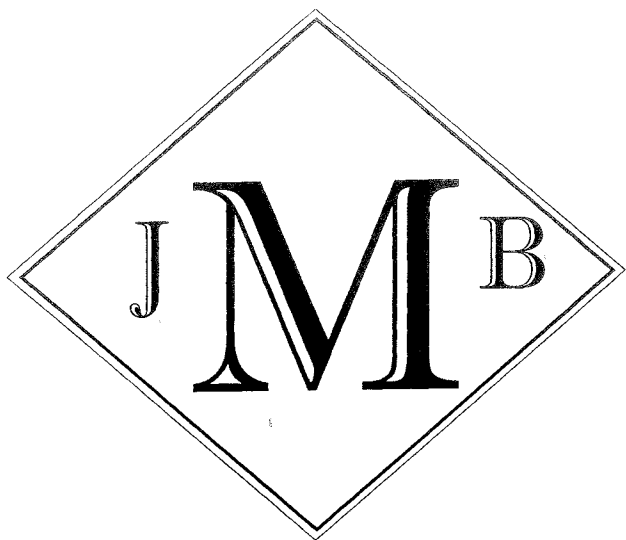
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AN AMERICAN couple decided to take a little orphan girl from a refugee camp with the hope of adopting her later. When she arrived at their home, they showed her a neat little room and a closet full of new, clean clothes. They told her how much they wanted a little girl like her.

#3

They promptly introduced the child to daily baths and, while unaccustomed to it, the girl took the vigorous scrubbing without complaint. After a week of it, however, she decided maybe she'd had enough.

Immersed in a tub of hot water with her face smothered in suds, she looked up at her new mother and said, "You folks don't want a little girl. What you want is a duck."



THE DADDY & DISCIPLINE

Eph. 6:1-4

- I. If a daddy sires a child, surely none want that child to fail. Since I had something to do c his getting here, I have a responsibility after he arrive

A. God has not timidly approached this subject.

Col. 3:21 "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger

Deut. 5:29 (See

Ps. 78:5-7 cards)

B. He establishes a discipline for daddies.

1. It does not mean spanking.
2. It can mean "structured training."
3. Meier points out it means training thru experience.

C. We are to admonish.

1. W E Vine "the training by word."
2. It's more than rules, penalties & rewards.
3. It's the sit-down & explain situation.

D. We are not to provoke.

1. Arouse to anger.
2. Exasperate.
3. Leads to inferiority complex of "I can't do it, Everything I try I fail."

II. I do not want to fail - what are the ingredients for success?

A. May I present a compilation of responses godly parents c successful children made?

1. Love them!
 - a.) They are worth it.
 - (1) Card on Gallup 1974.
 - b.) Spend time c them.

c.) Talk to them about Christ.

d.) Tell them they are loved - much they misunderstand

(1) Gary Collins card.

2. Discipline (train them).

a.) Memorize Scrp.

b.) Set standards on company they can keep (See card).

c.) Prepare ahead of time to counteract pressure of public opinion - they will be offered a drink (Krutza card).

d.) Consistently discipline - Piaget Card.

3. Inject self worth.

a.) Develop talents.

b.) Compliment efforts.

B. Children must be disciplined.

Prov. 29:15 "The rod and reproof give wisdom; but a c

Prov. 23:14 "Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and she

1. Gives wisdom.

2. Saves souls.

3. How?

a.) Not yelling nor bullying.

b.) But if parental authority is defied.

c.) Quickly.

Ecc. 8:11 "Because sentence against an evil work is not

d.) Privately - protect self worth.

e.) Involve guilt - but don't force him to say I'm sorry nor to justify bad behavior.

f.) Let him know it breaks your heart.

g.) "Commensurate c the crime."

h.) Reassure, & accept again - you are not sorry you spanked him.

i.) Restitution in order?

4. How avoid breaking spirit?

a.) Too much spanking too early - wiggle while diapered?

b.) Some leave no-no around & spank - "They will become narrow minded followers of dogmatic authority figures" from endless hand spans.

c.) For curiosity? No

d.) Brain 2 parts - logic & emotions - let him express both - He can verbalize his anger.

e.) Don't nag.

5. Older child - how handle.

Prov. 23:15 "My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart

:22 "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee

:26 "My son, give me thine heart, and let th

a.) Communicate.

(1) Devotionals at home.

(2) Time together - walk around block is big for little guy.

(3) Discuss standards of dating.

(4) Imagine some "what if -" situations.

(5) Cards on mother, dad, liberals.

b.) Discipline.

1. Deprivation of things (car, phone).

2. Place (game, date).

3. People.

He established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which He commanded our fathers,
That they should teach them to their children;
That the generation to come might know, even the
children yet to be born,
That they may arise and tell them to their children,
That they should put their confidence in God,
And not forget the works of God,
But keep His commandments (Ps. 78:5, 7, NASB).

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God said, "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!" (Deut. 5:29).

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To preschoolers, words are just that--words. Gary Collins mentions that even during the national anthem, young children frequently substitute words like "the grandpas we watched were so gallantly screaming." They also often misunderstand the words in hymns. Such errors may be humorous to adults, but they indicate how children reason at this age.

(Gary Collins, "Man in Transition: The Psychology of Human Development" Carol Stream, Illinois: Creation House, 1971.)

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In May of 1974, a Gallup poll was released, noting that "All signs point to the fact that religion is gaining a new intellectual respectability in this country." Pollster George Gallup, Jr. went on to refer to America's young people, stating that "survey evidence strongly suggests that these groups could well be in the vanguard of religious renewal in this country.

Gallup compared his poll to polls carried out in other nations, and concluded that "the religious character of American youth stands out in bold relief when our young people are compared with the youth of other nations of the world." The United States had the lowest percentage of atheists among its youths--less than 1%, compared to 10% in France and 12% in Sweden. Only 12% of American youth say that they have "no interest" in religion, compared to 32% in Great Britain, 41% in

Sweden, and 74% in Japan. (It's not surprising that Sweden and Japan are neck-and-neck in a race for the highest suicide rate among teenagers.) Gallup concluded that "American youth are not only exceptionally religious when compared to the youth of other nations but also put a higher premium on 'love and sincerity' as a goal in life and less on 'money and position.'"

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The six-year-old child continues to adopt the conscience of his parents as his own, primarily to gain parental approval, though partially out of fear of punishment. At age 12 or 13, he will be more greatly influenced by the morals of his peers rather than parental example. He will choose friends who most closely resemble him in character development. If parents train a child adequately in the first six years of life, they need not fear his choice of friends when he becomes a teenager. Parents like to blame their teenager's behavior on his peers, but this is often an excuse to relieve their own feelings of guilt.

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Interestingly, a recent survey by a major woman's magazine showed that of marrieds who engaged in premarital sexual activities with their mates, 84% stated it didn't help their marriages. God could have told them that a long time before their first thoughts about having intercourse. Being "one body" is basically sexual exploitation, not the union of two personalities in a lasting relationship.

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Adultery

The Swiss psychologist Jean Piaget did extensive research on the neurological, social, and moral development of children. He even set up a behavioral timetable for the child's earlier years. From his studies, we know (among other things) when the average child will say his first word, be neurologically ready for toilet-training, understand concrete concepts, tie his shoes, and understand abstract concepts. Piaget's studies show that three- to six-year-old children reason quite literally, and they believe almost all that parents tell them. The average child, in a relatively good school system, doesn't begin to reason abstractly until he is about 11 years old. That is why attempts to reason with a three- to six-year-old child about his misconduct are frequently a waste of time. A quick spanking to bring repentance is much more effective and useful in dealing with children this age. They can

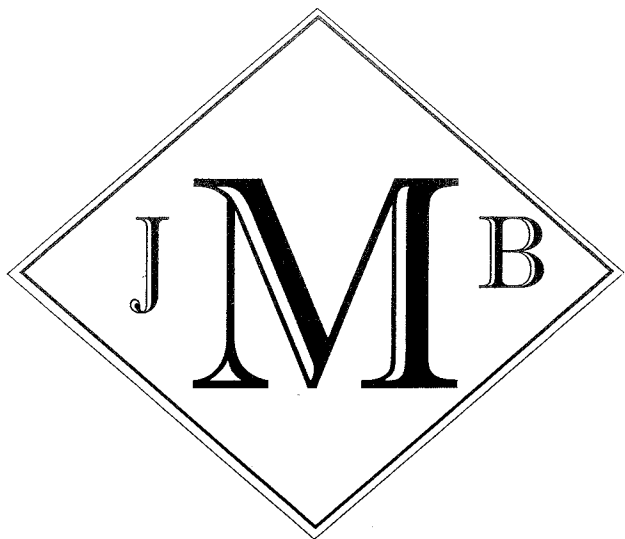
understand that if they do certain bad things, the result will be either a short verbal rebuke or else quick physical punishment; and if they do certain good things, the result will be parental praise, approval, and maybe even a big hug.

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The attitude a teen develops toward his mother will affect the attitude he will have toward people in general, and especially women, the rest of his life. The attitude that a teenager has toward his father is the attitude that a teenager will generally have toward God and male authority figures the rest of his life.

In our counseling experience, most agnostics come from homes with a cold, passive father who is usually not home. The religious liberal tends to come from a home where the father is mushy, overly sweet, and gives no restrictions on behavior. The children do whatever they like to do, and they can have anything they want if the parents can afford it. They grow up expecting God to spoil them too. They want something for nothing. So proper attitudes are important and should be a point of communication.

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DADDY--YOU GOT, WHAT DID YOU GIVE?

Eph. 6:1-4

I. Sorry - but won't even let you enjoy your day -
after all, you will feel more natural giving than
getting -- SO -----

A. Rightfully, you were remembered.

B. What are you giving?

C. I can think of 4 presents your family deserves
from you & will be blessed if you will give them.

II. Four Presents to Present.

A. Daddy needs to love Momma.

Eph. 5:25 "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ

1. I don't know how you measure love; we say --

a.) Whole bunch.

b.) Bushel & a peck.

c.) Always.

2. I know Jesus loved the church enuf to die for it.

3. All of life we are to keep the cross in view.

4. Love wife as Jesus loved church:

a.) Washing = baptism.

b.) Word = gospel or confession.

c.) Lipscomb said nothing more is attributed to
baptism than is said in other places.

(1) Saved - MK 16.

(2) Remission - Acts 2:38.

(3) Wash - Acts 22:16.

(4) Put on Christ - Gal. 3.

5. Momma is worth all the love you can extend.

a.) Momma & fractions. #1

b.) Swap chairs. #2

B. Daddy needs to bring up his children.

Eph. 6:4 "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children

1. God's plan for continuing world is for couples to have children.

a.) R. C. Bell spoke of "happy tribulations of parenthood."

b.) Can't leave it all to Mom to do.

c.) Also faces fact Dad may not be as patient as Mother.

2. Children are to obey.

a.) Same root as for acoustics.

b.) Like "now hear this" in Navy.

c.) Acoustics help us hear.

d.) Obedience is always right.

e.) GK H u p a k o u o = two parts: hupo (under - we spell hypo (beneath, under) akouo = to hear. Bow, submit, yield.

f.) Criswell, "Dissolution of home makes for decimation of state."

g.) Remember Eli (1 Sam. 3)¹⁴ destruction because you refused to discipline. *Read 1 Sam 3:1-14*

h.) Absence of discipline. *#3 Colevidge*

(1) Chicago delinquents had 97% mothers who gave no discipline; 98% dads. *#4 Colevidge*

(2) Rebellious child stoned Deut. 21:18-21 (Read)

Thus, see how God feels.

(3) *Source* ~~Since~~ of evil.

Rom. 1:30 "Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, pr

2 Tim. 3:2 "For men shall be lovers of their own selve

i.) Never a time when right to disobey.

- j.) Tense of word shows it is continuous - as long as unit of family.
- k.) Griffin, "In Roman world child never of age as long as parents lived.
- l.) Quimby, "Obedience expected & exacted."
- m.) Child can't decide whether "in the Lord" - parents can.

3. Fathers, Bring up

~~Penn State studies~~

- a.) Fathers generic - could be both parents.
 - b.) Moses called his parents fathers.
- Heb. 11:23 "By faith Moses, when he was come to y
- c.) Bring = development.
 - (1) Parsley card. #5
 - (2) American way. #6

4. Nurture.

- a.) Divine injunction to educate.
- b.) GK means general education.
- c.) We thank parents for college - do we spiritual education.
- e.) "Have you seen a daddy w/o me?"

5. Admonition.

Shopper noticed little boy

- a.) Warning. aimlessly wandering in store.
 - b.) Counsel. "Can I help you?"
- ### 6. Avoid extreme.
- "I hope so - have you seen
- a.) Don't drive kids to extreme. 2 daddies w/o m.
 - b.) NEB Fathers, stop provoking your child - must not goad your children to resentment."
 - c.) Lest they be discouraged.
 - d.) 2 buttons:
- "Shut up, I don't want to hear it." - Kid

"Don't tell me - I heard it already." Parent
 Col. 3:21 "Fathers, provoke not your children to ang
 e.) Use not whims or extremes.
 f.) Abused kids.

7. Honor.

- a.) Great value.
- b.) Great price.
- c.) Hold in respect.
- d.) Prolongs life.

Penn. State address #8

- (1) Save from vices.
- (2) Form good habits.
- (3) Providential care.

Matt. 10:29-30 "Are not two sparrows sold for a farth

C. ~~Daddy needs to give an example.~~ *Card - Paul*

I Kings 22:43 "And he walked in all the ways of Asa

1. What if child followed us?

2. Did we beget to mislead?

- a.) SS statistics. *#9 → #10*
- b.) New baby - larger house. *#10*

D. ~~Daddy needs to build strong family tie.~~

Gen. 25:8 "Than A. gave up ghost...gathered to hi

Gen. 35:29 "I. (ibid).

Gen. 49:29 (Read)

fresh End 6-19-83.

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Maternal Lesson

A teacher asked one of her pupils this question while the class was studying fractions:

"Suppose your mother baked a pie and there were seven of you — your parents and five children. What fraction of the pie would you get?"

"A sixth," answered the boy.

"But there are seven of you," said the teacher. "Don't you understand about fractions?"

"Yes," the boy replied, "I know about fractions, but I know about mothers, too. Mother would say she had already eaten too much and didn't want any pie."

Mrs. L.D.A.

1962, Okla.

For Excitement

(Prize Winner)

#2

After the children married and they were alone, the husband and wife felt they had to go out every night to take advantage of their new freedom. They soon tired of this, however, and settled down to staying at home—he in his chair at one side of the television and she in hers.

One night, after weeks and weeks of TV viewing, he startled her by saying, "Honey, let's do something really exciting tonight."

All agog at the prospect of a night on the town, she responded, "Good! What shall we do?"

"Well," he replied, "let's swap chairs."

M. L.

Dodge, Neb.

CAPPER'S WEEKLY

neutheisia, the words of admonition of the Lord.

13 So many times do I see parents who say: "It is not my proposal to influence my child Godward, or upward, or Christward, or heavenward. I will just let the child choose for himself whether he loves God or not, or reads the Bible or not, or goes to church or not. There is no inclination on my part to influence the child. I want him to choose and decide for himself." Coleridge and a friend once were speaking of this and were looking at Coleridge's garden. It was full of weeds. The man said to Coleridge, "Why don't you dig up those weeds and plant flowers?" He said: "I don't want to prejudice the garden in favor of flowers. We just let it grow up as it is." *If you do not guide those children heavenward, Godward, Christward, churchward* you will be the only one who is neutral, who is not influencing them. Do not think otherwise but that the world will have its influence and its say. The infidel will have his influence and the criminal element will have its influence. The pimp, the procurer, the bookie, the chisler, the dope pusher will all have their influence and say. The streets of the city offer no diplomas, they confer no degrees, but they educate with terrible precision. If there is any hope for the citizenship of a nation, for the future of a government, and for the very fabric of society itself, it lies in the godly nurture and admonition of these children under loving endearing hands of their fathers and their mothers.

Take the child, and encourage the child to pray, to love God, to read the Bible, to attend church.

He may have resented his parents' failure to give him a Christian upbringing or any kind of upbringing at all. One of my less sophisticated congregations had an expressive way of describing a delinquent type: "He wasn't brung up; he just come up." A boy who had "just come up" was heard to say sadly, "The trouble with my parents is that they wanted more than anything else to be my friends. I wanted them more than anything else to be my parents." Paul believes that parents and children can be the best of friends in a common friendship with Jesus Christ.

Dr. Malcolm Parsley, President of Korean Christian College called me and in the conversation said, "We lose an appalling number of our young men to the local girls they provide their prostitute services the first month free all of our soldiers are fair game. The church has 1% of the army personnel in Korea who are members of the church - so that means

that we have about 400 Christians in the Armed Services. Of these only 40 come to services regularly

#6

Father to Son: of course you can't get by now on your allowance. Later you won't be able to live on your salary. And when you retire you certainly can't live on your social security. I'm preparing you for the American way

Child abuse is rising to epidemic proportions; soon it may be the leading cause of childhood death, topping the combined death totals from smallpox, polio, typhoid fever, and scarlet fever. #7

*An estimated one million children are abused in the United States each year. Two to four thousand die—and those are only the ones we can count!*¹

Children are beaten, scalded, boiled, blinded, raped, whipped, bludgeoned, hurled down stairs, and slashed with razor blades in a country that claims to place children and the family on a pedestal. What more abhorrent violation of a child's rights can we find than the instance where a three-year-old boy's fingernails were ripped off by his angry father? What is more loathsome than the case of a child whose father burned the words "bad boy" into his back with lighted cigarettes?

We can all agree that child abuse of any kind—physical, sexual, emotional, or through neglect—is intolerable and inexcusable. We can shake our heads over the more than 50,000 children who died from abuse in the 1970s alone, and the 300,000 who were permanently injured.² But I hear little na-

#8

course, a child should love his parents, but love can be a vague emotion, whereas honor describes a more specific attitude of humility, respect, and appreciation. What that means was spelled out by the president of Pennsylvania State University in a convocation address when he told the members of the 1970 graduating class to look at the audience and said to them, "I would like to introduce you to representatives of some of the most remarkable people ever to walk the earth. They are people you already know—your parents and grandparents." He then proceeded to tell the young graduates exactly what these remarkable people have accomplished, sacrificed, and suffered to make them "the tallest, healthiest, brightest, and probably the best-looking generation ever to inhabit the land." "They have had some failures," he said, "but . . . they have made more progress by the sweat of their brows than in any previous era—and don't you forget it."

Because there are 17,000,000 boys and girls, under the age of 12 in the United States alone without any religious instruction. #9

Because 80% of those attending Sunday School are not evangelized.

Because 2 out of every 3 children in America are in no Sunday School.

Because to save a child is to save a soul and a life for Christ.

Because what is learned in childhood is remembered in old age. Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6).

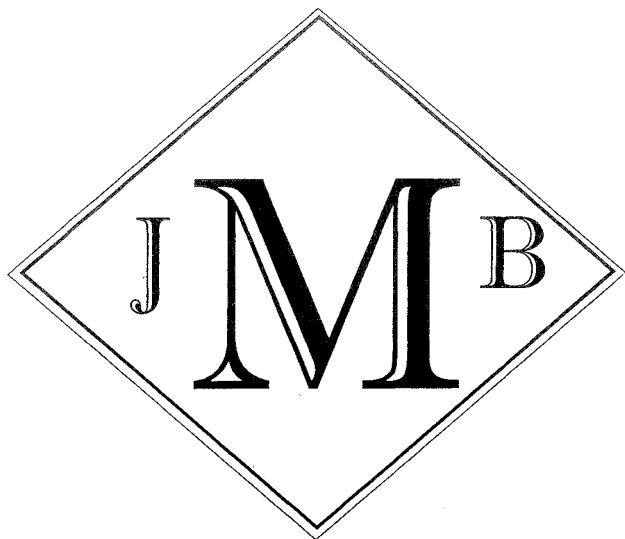
Because Christ warns of the penalty for neglecting them (Matt. 18:6-10).

Because children are trustful, believing, teachable, and easily led to Christ or from Him.

Because "It is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

A young couple broke the news to their 3-year-old that they were expecting the arrival of a second child and that they were going to have to move to a bigger house. #10

"That won't work," he announced. "He'd only follow us." 2



THE DADDY AND HIS DARLINGS

Eph. 6:4

1. If I'm a daddy worthy of the name, I surely rightfully assume my responsibilities.

(Clip on Daddy's Ability)

A. May we list some.

1. Fulfill role of authority.

(a) Patriarchal from patri = father; archal = ruler, thus "father ruler".

Deut. 6:6-7 "Thou shalt teach them diligently."

Eph. 6:4 "Ye fathers provoke not"

Col. 3:21 "Fathers provoke not your children"

(b) Do we give kids money, but not our time.

Prov. 1:8 "My son, hear the instruction"

(1) Henry E. Kagan as reported in "Quote":

The male parent in suburbia can spend little time in the home. But the value of a father to a child is not the time spent with him, but the kind of image a father leaves in a child's mind. Unless he represents understanding, security, and love, a man can spend all day at home and be not only a nuisance but also a detriment.

(2) Card on Work Addiction.

(3) You'll find being c them a joy - perhaps because of their honesty. We were eating lunch with the Jim Mankins. Kenneth Joines asked 5 yr. old Jeff did he know any bald headed people. Pointed to me - "He's one." Oh, no - he just has a high

forehead - "Well, he's got a mighty big one!"

2. Be a Christian.

Rom. 14:12 "So every one of us shall give

1 Cor. 3:8 "Every man shall rec. his own

(a) Can't bequeath training of kids exclusively to Momma.

3. Train the children.

(a) By instruction.

Prov. 22:6 "Train up a child in the

(1) Train = lit. to put something in the mouth - like feeding an infant.

(2) A young plant might go any way - train it!

(3) "A family w/o prayer is like a house w/o a roof, open & exposed to the storms of life."

(4) Remember they are children - Clip on emotionally immature.

(5) Bobby Office and Chicken.

(b) By example.

(1) "Please Daddy" poem.

(2) Transatlantic - transparent.

(3) Steals pencils - plenty from office.

(4) Whittle wooden bowl.

(c) By discipline (Sit down - I won't).

Prov. 13:24 "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

Prov. 19:18 "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying."

Prov. 22:15 "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall

drive it far from him."

Prov. 23:13 "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die."

Prov. 29:15 "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

(0) Don't hurt yourself too much.

(1) Yet he does not unduly discourage.

Col. 3:21 "Provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."

(2) Martin Luther, "Spare the rod and spoil the child. It is true, but beside the rod keep an apple to give him when he does well."

(3) Bossuet, "30 years of our Lord's life are hidden in these words of the gospel - "he was subject unto them."

4. Four F's of discipline - Firmness, Fondness, Frankness, Fairness.

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FATHERS

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This is a class compositions
written by an 8-yr-old student: fr
"He can climb the highest fo
mountain or swim the biggest fi
ocean. He can fly the fastest th
plane and fight the strongest y
tiger. My father can do any- y
thing. But most of the time, he s
just carries out the garbage." T
—Supervision, 4-70.

FATHERS—Daughters

As a concerned father, I
girls to attend sex

And the effect on a work addict's children can be equally disastrous.

"Whether it's through fear or admiration, the work addict molds his children after his own image and insecurity. He can damage their lives as much as an alcoholic," says Dr. Bell. "Not so much because he fails to give them time, but because he never gives himself. They feel rejected." If he plays with them "it's more in the nature of a ritual," Bradley says. "His behavior is automatic, obligatory." *

*Nelson Bradley, cited in Alan Phillips, "Work Addiction" Maclean's (Canada's National Magazine) (Nov. 4, 1961)

"Man, Am I Uptight" - By David Augsburger

IMMATURITY *Chickadee*

X Commenting on a nursery-school report that her daughter was emotionally immature, a young mother replied, "If you can't be immature at three, when can you be?"—*North Carolina Education*, 2-72

This is a recipe for Chicken that came from Bobby Officer, a Kindergarten child at Sparta, Tennessee. He said, "Get a rifle and shoot the chicken. Then you cut the head off. Then you get the wings off. Get the feathers out. Then you put it in a wrapper. Then you're ready to sell it. Then we buy it. Then mother boils her part of the chicken."



"PLEASE DADDY"

A little girl with shining eyes,
Her little face aglow,
Said, "Daddy, it's almost time for
Bible School; Let's go."

"Oh no", said Daddy, "Not today.
I've worked hard all the week,
And I must have one day of rest.

I'm going to the creek,
For there I can relax and rest.
And fishing's fine, they say.
So, run along, don't bother me.
We'll go to church some day."

Months and years have passed away,
But Daddy hears that plea no more:
"Let's go to Bible School."

Those childhood days are o'er.
Now that Daddy's growing old,
When life is almost through,
He finds time to go to church--
But what does daughter do?

She says, "Oh, Daddy, not today;
I stayed up almost all night
And I've got to get some sleep.
Besides, I look a fright."

Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand
To brush away the tears.
He seems to hear a trembling voice
Distinctly through the years.
He sees his small girl's face
Upturned, with little eyes aglow,
Saying, "It's time for Bible School,
Please, Daddy, Won't you go?"

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY
TO BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY!

If the young person re-
erate with our policies of friendly sym-
pathy and benevolent guidance, we
must not hesitate to employ firm dis-
cipline and even mild coercion. But
such discipline must always be admin-
istered with love. This love must be
felt but not in the manner of the father
who, administering a spanking, said,
"Son, this hurts me more than it does
you." Sonny said, "Dad, don't hurt
yourself so much."

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Billy: What does transatlantic mean?

Dad: Across the Atlantic.

Billy: Does trans always mean across?

Dad (sharply): Yes.

Billy (meekly): Then I suppose trans-
parent means a cross parent.

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The four F's of discipline are: Firm-
ness, fondness, frankness, fairness.

In the family

- Principal: "I'm sorry to tell you
this, but your son has been
stealing pencils from school."
Father: "I can't figure why he'd
do that—I bring plenty of them
home from the office."

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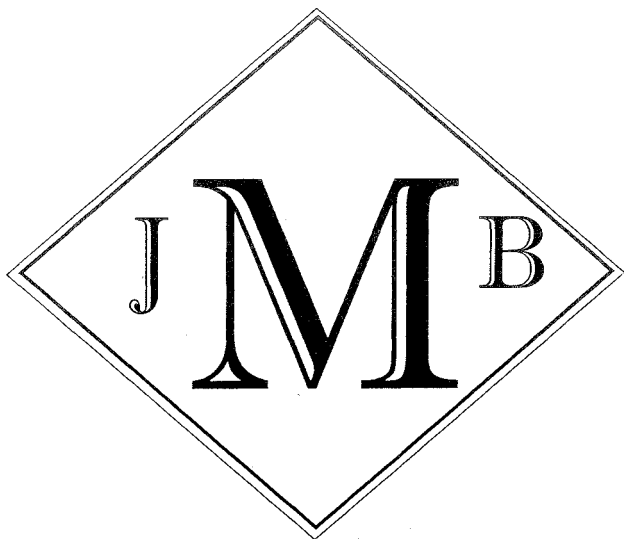


Jacob's Well, where Jesus spoke to the "woman of Samaria", was 105 feet deep as recently as 1838; now it frequently is dry, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Dad: "Sit down!"

Son: "I won't!"

Dad: "Stand up then — I will be obeyed!"



OUR MOST SOBERING TASK - PARENTING

Eph. 6:4

I. Of all duties none more important,
imperative, far reaching than Parenting.

- A. Dobson card - #1 *+ Bracy # 1 1/2*
- B. Pat Baker quote - #2
- C. Coopersmith quote - #3
- D. Article - Parent to do - #4
- E. Spiritual Vitamins - #5
- F. Secrets - #6

II. God's Assignment Sheet

A. Fathers

- 1. Parents have duties.
- 2. God holds you responsible for training your own child - by birth or adoption.
- 3. ~~Fathers is inclusive of mothers.~~
- 4. ~~He's head - logically starts here.~~
- 5. Need - #7
- 6. Affection - #8
- 7. Fathers & Daughters - #9
- 8. I Want Daddy - #10
- 9. Mothers
 - a) Card #11
 - b) Peter Marshall - #12
 - c) 2nd Mile Moms - #13, #14, #15

B. Provoke not to Wrath

- 1. Negative side of work.
- 2. ~~Passionate, unreasonable, rebuke, intemperate language provokes resentment - Johnson.~~
 - a) Talk now - #16
 - b) Report card - #17
 - c) Tight rope - #18

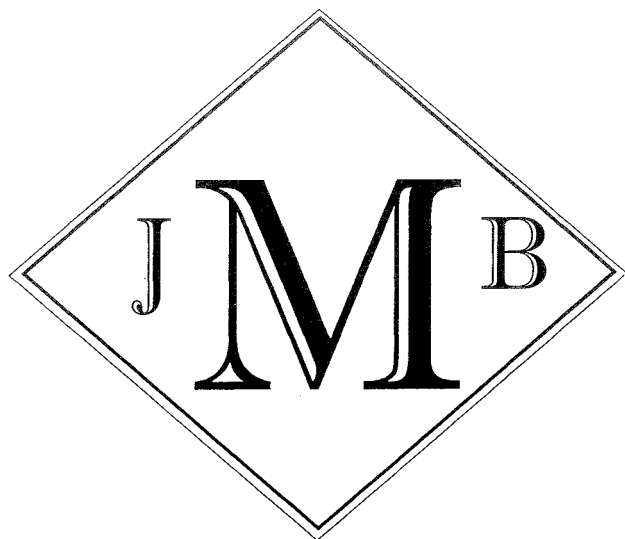
3. ~~Inconsistency - laugh at him one time, spank the next does also.~~
 - a) Permissive method - #19
 - b) Float - #20, 21
 - c) Violence - #22
4. ~~Do you ridicule your child?~~
 - a) Healthy child - #23
 - b) My Son - #24
5. ~~Cruel parents have bad children - Clark.~~

C. Bring Them Up

1. It is not an elevator, rocket ride - but a gradual thing.
 - a) Card on Electricity - #25
 - b) Power transfer - #26
2. It involves training.
 - a) Hemingway - what is moral is what you feel good after and what is immoral is what you feel bad after.
 - b) Berkley card - #27
3. It has an element of restraint.
 - a) God made Adam - #28
 - b) Corporal punishment - #29
4. Child is not property but young person who needs molding.

D. Nurture - (kindly) (chasten)

1. ~~Feed mind with wholesome instruction.~~
2. ~~Whole training of the child, his education - to draw out - instruct.~~
 - a) Grandparents help - #30
 - b) Col. Glenn - #31
 - c) Plowing - #32
 - d) Dad wants what he didn't have #33



THE CALL TO ARMS

Eph. 6:10-12

I. One has but to pick up the paper to know we are in a bottle.

- A. Drug Lords
- B. Homosexuality
- C. Cheating in Athletics
- D. Insider trading
- E. Divorce Thomas cards #1 & #2
- F. Sliding attendance--church
- G. Failure to baptize, Doctrine--Coffin #3
- H. Budget troubles--home, nation, church
- I. Vulgarity--Colson #4--Watching soaps #5
- J. Criticism--Ed Everett #6

II. What will I do about it?

- A. Surrender
- B. Oh, it's not so bad
- C. Fight & win
 - 1. Hear Hez.

2 Chron. 32:7-8 -- #7

- 2. Hear Paul

Phi. 4:13 "I can do all things"

- D. We must not be as one who flays the air--study the battle plan.

III. We look at Eph. 6:10-12

- A. Finally

- 1. Means for the rest, as to what remains for them to do.
- 2. Paul knew he had powerful enemies in Ephesus.
 - a) Library one side, brothel another.
 - b) Diana's temple there.

- B. Be Strong: in the Lord, Power of His might.

1. Strong

- a) Endure with strength.
- b) Passive voice--continually strong.

2. In the Lord

Jn. 15:5 "I am the vine...abide...w/o do"

- a) Victory only in union with Jesus.
- b) 35X "in the Lord"

3. Power of His might

Job 26:14 "Thunder of his power who can u."

- a) God gives strength
- 2 Cor. 12:9 "My grace suff.; str. perf. weak, power
- b) Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing" - Luther
- c) Power exercised
Power inately possessed
- d) "Might" is Christ's but by faith it becomes ours.
- e) David came with the strength of God.

1 Sam. 17:45 "Thou comest--sword, spear, shield
I come in name of Lord"

C. Put on the Whole Armor1. Put

- a) Clothe oneself
- b) Put on as a garment
- c) Envelope, hide, clothe
- d) God does not clothe in strength w/o effort on our part.

I Thess. 5:8 "Breastplate faith & love
helmet--hope of salvation"

- e) Note the armor is there but you have to put it on.

Jn. 1:12-13 "But as many as rec. to them"

2. Whole Armor of God

- a) All the weapons
- b) Panoply
- c) Full armor of heavily armed soldier
- d) Not only need divine eqpt. but need it in its entirety.
- e) It's complete.
- f) We do not go to battle in shorts and sneakers.
- g) Christianity is a camp located in enemy territory.
 - (1) All drinking in Belise via Jeff Jackson.
 - (2) All 14 yr. expected to sleep with opposite sex.
- h) Every soldier needs to know:
 - (1) Who enemy is.
 - (2) Conversant with own equipment.
 - (3) Area of responsibility.

(Card on preparedness - #8)

3. Remember it is of God--we seem to rely more on our own arms rather than what God supplies.D. Equipped--I'm to Stand1. Able to Stand

a) Isn't that a promise!!

1 Cor. 16:13 "Watch ye, stand fast faith, quit

b) Stand a military term that means hold on to your position.

Jn. 16:33 "Be of good cheer, I have overcome"

c) Victory is secure yet won thru battle.

2. Against wiles of the Devil

a) 6 fold against

- (1) Wiles of devil
- (2) Flesh & blood
- (3) Principalities
- (4) Powers
- (5) Rulers of darkness
- (6) Spiritual wickedness in high places

b) Wiles

- (1) Methods, stratagem so follow up, investigate methods.
- (2) Wiles--follow a thing systematically--Devil left Jesus "for a season" only.
- (3) Don't be caught in Devil's ploy.

c) Devil (Card on Devil - #9)

- (1) He does exist.
- (2) Accuser who blackmails & dredges up our past.
- (3) Adversary

1 Pet. 5: 8

- (4) Tempter
- (5) Slanderer
- (6) Subtle

2 Cor. 2:11 "Lest S. should get an adv.-not ig.

- (7) Wicked Article Schemes #10

E. Our Enemies' Location

- 1. Be ready for open war plus crafty attacks of ambush--Lipscomb
- 2. Not flesh & blood but:
- 3. Principalities

4. Powers

- a) Violence
- b) Racism
- c) Sex
- d) Obsenity
- e) Drunkenness
- f) Pleasure

5. Rulers of Darkness of this world

- a) Evil punch lines
- b) Distracted at worship
- c) Fear
- d) Conscience
- e) Over confidence

6. Spiritual wickedness in high places

IV. Remember you can be more than conquerors.

Rom. 8:37 *Not in all these things we are more*

Col. 2:15 *Spoiled prin. pow, he made show, triph.*

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Charlotte Ave., Nashville - 10/3/89

Even some major denominations, rather than stand #1
for truth, have sought to accommodate the spirit of
the age, believing that popularity is more important
than doctrine and proper orthodoxy. In recent years
Lutherans, United Methodists, Episcopalians, and some
Presbyterians hve joined the United Church of Christ
and Unitarian Universalists in creating divorce prayers
and even divorce ceremonies, featuring family and in-
vited guests to "undo" marriages.

In the Unitarian ceremony, the couple is given the
chance to recite words of respect and lay aside bitter-
ness through responsive readings led by a so-called
minister. Marriage vows are repealed, and the couple
hand their wedding rings to the minister.

The Unitarian service ends with a pronouncement from

the minister that the marriage is dissolved, and the couple is supposed to shake hands.

Unfortunately, for the guests who attended the wedding there is no provision in this service for the return of the wedding gifts.

THE DEATH OF ETHICS IN AMERICA - Cal Thomas - P. 129

#2
In a commentary for National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," I spoke about the human propensity for avoiding the real issues. I said, "When I was a child and was caught breaking the house rules, I would, like other children, sometimes exaggerate in order to avoid confronting my error.

"You don't love me anymore," was always a good one. 'All the other kids do it,' was another. A third device was to blame someone else.

"The contemporary equivalent of this is to be found in the response ... (of) Richard Goodwin, a former speechwriter and adviser to both Presidents Kennedy and Johnson (who) said, 'Every major political figure in this country I've known has committed adultery. We're going to end up with a man of perfect virtue and no imagination.' DEATH OF ETHICS IN AMERICA - 11/11/10
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PETER FRENCH

A medfly smells when to lay eggs.

Odors Might Control Fruit Fly Egg Laying

Protecting fruit crops from Mediterranean fruit flies without resorting to widespread insecticide spraying may eventually be possible if the pest's behavior can be altered.

Medflies lay eggs when they detect certain odors coming from fruit at the peak of ripeness. Eric B. Jang, a Department of Agriculture entomologist, hopes to determine what odors trigger their mating habits and egg laying so that development can begin on substances to interfere with the process.

"Insects have very complex systems, like humans, for detecting odors," he says. "We would like to determine if there are chemical clues as to how the insects are able to tell when the fruit is infestible. Somehow they have an uncanny ability to know when to do what."

The insect's sense of aroma is tested by connecting tiny electrodes to several specimens' antennae and measuring the electrical impulses emitted. So far, about 200 odor compounds have been tested in the search for odors that stimulate the egg-laying process. The major difficulty lies in isolating the scents from the various fruits and vegetables. The 0.2-inch-long flies usually prefer to lay eggs in peaches and nectarines, but they have been known to use more than 250 kinds of fruits and vegetables.

If research reveals a stimulating odor, it may be possible to spray a chemical on ripe fruit that would mask the odor.

Device Cleans Houses of Radon By-product

Researchers at Harvard University have developed what could be the first device to remove up to 90 percent of cancer-causing radon decay products from household air.

Solid particles are formed when radon gas in the air undergoes a natural decaying process after which the particles attach themselves to dust or float freely. Unattached particles are 30 to 40 times more radioactive and dangerous to humans than are attached ones.

The No-Rad Radon Removal System consists of a fan, a filtration system and an ionizer, and it can remove both attached and unattached particles, says Dade Moeller, a professor of environmental health engineering at Harvard and one of the system's developers.

Other methods used to remove the particles, such as ceiling fans and electrostatic precipitator devices, tend to remove the dust to which decay products attach themselves. But they do not remove the particles themselves, leaving them in the free-floating state.

Radon, a product of the disintegration of radium, most commonly enters buildings from the soil they sit on.

ION Systems Inc. of Berkeley, Calif., manufactures the \$450 No-Rad.

Soviets Lessen Gap in Computer Making

Their attempt to play computer technology catch-up with the West is paying off, but Soviet researchers have a long way to go before their systems rival those of the United States and other Western nations, says USSR Technology Update, an industry newsletter.

A 155-member technical task force known as Start was created by the Soviets in 1985 with the objective of developing supercomputers. Experts are unsure how far along the project is.

Although the Soviets have yet to achieve mass production of their own personal computers or 32-bit microprocessors, they have developed two successful small-scale projects. One is the MARS-M system, which performs at a speed of 20 million operations per second. The other is the Kronos, a 32-bit microprocessor system.

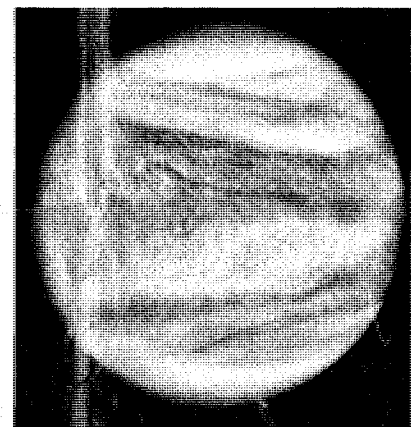
"I don't think it's important whether the Soviets catch up to the United States — and it's unlikely that they will — but whether they will design systems to meet their own needs. They will definitely do that," says Andreas Tamberg, program manager for Delphic Associates Inc., the newsletter's publisher.

Start has bypassed bureaucratic delays and thus improved technical progress, the report concludes, but "the reliability of Soviet computers is low and the rate of development is slow."

Venus Once Had Seas, Researchers Decide

The scorching desert surface of Venus was once plentiful with warm-water oceans, according to research conducted by scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif.

The researchers believe that for hundreds of millions of years much of the planet may have been covered with water, which eventually evaporated. Scientists have usually argued that Venus never had liquid, only vapor, on its surface because of its proximity to the sun. But James Pollack, a scientist at the center, says that previous theories did not take into account the fact that the sun put out 25 to 30 percent less energy 4.6 billion years ago, when he



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Venus may have had oceans formerly.

says the solar system formed, and that there was less carbon dioxide in Venus's lower atmosphere then to trap the sun's heat.

The new theory attributes the loss of Venus's oceans to the breakdown of water molecules into hydrogen, which eventually escaped into space, and oxygen, which remained and formed compounds with other elements to become part of the planet's crust.

Scientists may be able to use this information to study the greenhouse effect's gradual warming of Earth. The effect is the result of the atmosphere's retaining more heat and is believed to be caused by carbon dioxide released in part by the burning of fossil fuels.

"We may not have oceans on Earth forever either," says Pollack, "but it will take a long, long time for them to disappear."

— Dina Van Pelt

The Preacher of a Militant Creed

SUMMARY: After years of divisive activism at Riverside Church, William Sloane Coffin has moved to a disarmament group. During his tenure the minister defended Iran and traveled to the Soviet Union in a peace delegation. But he also gained a loyal following.

When the Rev. William Sloane Coffin Jr. bade farewell to Riverside Church in December after 10 years as senior minister, he left behind a legacy of political activism and a number of harsh critics.

The church he had presided over in New York for the past decade had undergone a shift from an interdenominational house of worship — of the benign, well-meaning sort so prized by American reformers of the 1930s — to what some observers had come to call the Communist Cathedral.

Built by John D. Rockefeller Jr. in the late 1920s, Riverside Church received its first congregation, from the Park Avenue

In 1967 he handed 944 draft cards supplied by demonstrators against the Vietnam War to Justice Department officials. Five years later, he paid a visit to Hanoi.

Coffin was elected senior minister of Riverside in August 1977. He lost no time committing the church to a course of political activism, firmly allying himself with the leftist Institute for Policy Studies in Washington.

In May 1978 Riverside set up a full-time Disarmament Program; within a year it was flourishing. In September of that year Coffin joined a peace delegation to the Soviet Union. In the following month the Riverside program held a series of workshops on such subjects as "The Soviet Threat? How to Counter Fear of the Russians in Your Community" and "How to Use the Structures of Religions." At the end of the year, Disarming Notes, the program's newsletter, reported that Riverside had spawned 156 spin-off conferences across the country. "Peace Sabbath" sermons had been sent to 5,000 clergymen.

In 1979 Coffin set out on another controversial trip, this time to Tehran, during the politically tumultuous Christmas. The visit was ostensibly to bring comfort to American hostages held there, but Coffin used the occasion to assail U.S. policy toward Iran and to defend the regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Just as Coffin was leaving Iran, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan. Carillon, a Riverside publication, adopted a strictly pacifist line, asserting that "any form of U.S. intervention, escalation of a military presence or an increase in the defense budget is unnecessary and inappropriate. . . . Russia's challenge continues to demand restraint, study and understanding."

If the increasingly antigovernment line of Riverside was troubling to some members of the congregation, as well as people in the larger religious community, this was only compounded by the church's seeming wish to distance itself from distinctly spiritual concerns.

The departure from traditional religious worship was for the most part subtle, but there were occasions when it was startlingly blatant. In 1981, for example, while presiding over a Conference in Solidarity with the Liberation Struggle of the People of Southern Africa at the church, Coffin — who was, after all, ordained a Presbyterian minister — apologized to all present for possibly offending anyone by referring to God in his invocation.

Perhaps the most controversial year in Riverside's history was 1985, when Coffin

held a memorial service for Alexandra "Sandy" Pollack, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the United States. The occasion proved to be an outlet for communists from around the world to praise Pollack and her activities; under Coffin's guidance, the nominally religious event turned into a spectacle of international communist solidarity.

Highly public political gestures such as these garnered Coffin a loyal following over the years, especially on college campuses. But a growing number of critics have spoken out against Coffin's leadership, saying that his political activism had made him an embarrassment.

Last spring, The Messenger, a publication of a Bible study group affiliated with Riverside, wrote that "William Coffin's high-handed ad-hoc behavior at Riverside has brought the church not only infamy and disrepute, but financial instability and near destruction."

The article minced no words. "Blacks are pitted against whites, homosexuals against straights, employees against Collegium [church senior staff], law-abider against law-breaker, Red against Red-White-and-Blue," it continued. "If William Coffin had set out to destroy Riverside, he could not have acted any other way than he did."

Press reports of discontent with Coffin appeared last March, with some church members openly calling for his resignation.

What the congregation wants now, says Frances Sterling, a member of Riverside, is a good biblical preacher and an end to political harangues from the pulpit. She cited an informal survey of parishioners' views that was carried out last year.

An interim senior minister is presiding over the church while a search committee spends the next year or so selecting a replacement for Coffin. Lay officers are confident that most of his programs will remain intact, despite opposition from some members and the chaotic financial problems Riverside is wrestling with. (It is operating with a deficit of \$1.2 million, its endowment is dwindling, and last year it had to let go a score of low-income employees.)

Meanwhile, the 63-year-old Coffin has moved closer to the hub of decision making. He lives in Washington, where he has assumed the leadership of SANE: Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, a disarmament group that claims a membership of 180,000. For William Sloane Coffin, the move from pulpit to special-interest activities is a natural step.

— *Derk Kinnane Roelofsma*



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Coffin: Visible militant for years

Baptist Church, in October 1930. From the start, Riverside, a vast neo-Gothic structure overlooking the Hudson River from Manhattan's Upper West Side, set out to be pluralistic, attracting clergy and laity from various denominations.

Today its premises — a 20-story tower plus an eight-story office building — are roomy enough for a congregation of about 3,100 and for events ranging from exercise classes to meetings on nuclear disarmament.

Both politically and personally, Coffin has been a highly controversial figure. He first attracted attention as a political militant while serving as chaplain at Yale University.

of lawmakers on Capitol Hill as they decried Black Sambo manikins in a Tokyo department store.

But in *The Last Temptation of Christ* we have a scurrilous attack on the character of Jesus Christ. Hollywood gurus who would faint dead away if a similar movie was made about Martin Luther King, Gandhi, or John Lennon, defend the film in the name of artistic freedom.

This selective tolerance is indicative of a widespread attitude in America today. Plainly said, it's Christian bashing. Every other group, from homosexuals to Hare Krishnas, is afforded protection from prejudice, lampooning, or being depicted unfairly. If these lines are crossed, the ever-vigilant press send up a howl of outrage. As they should.

But Christians enjoy no such protection. We are caricatured and parodied - our faith the butt of jokes and its practice the target of lawsuits . . . And if we dare to cry out in protest, the media righteously gather their First Amendment skirts about them with a cultural and collective disdain, portraying us as intolerant extremists. But where's the tolerance for our views for the sanctity of the God-man we worship as Lord?

Chuck Colson

Jubilee, newsletter of Prison Fellowship

What seems to hit home most are the birds that fly over it.

John Drybred

Fancy Free

ONE DAY WHILE grocery shopping with my children, I spotted my 14-year-old son standing and staring, as if entranced, at an array of detergents, cleansers and beauty bars. Nothing on that aisle had ever interested him before. "What are you doing?" I asked. His answer was simple and to the point: "Watching the soaps!"

—Contributed by Pam Wilkerson

Criticism

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X Once a man who had been slandered by a newspaper came to Edward Everett and asked him what to do.

"Don't do anything," Everett advised. "Half of the people who bought the paper never saw the article. Half of those who saw it did not read it. Half of those who read it did not understand it. Half of those who understood it did not believe it. And half of those who believed it are of no account anyway."

Be strong and courageous,
be not afraid nor dismayed
for the King of Assyria, nor all the multitude
that is with him:

for there be more with us than with him.

With him is an army of flesh,
but with us is the Lord our God to help us,
and to fight our battles.

2 Chron 32: 7-8

31 - Peace and War

Preparedness

In the spring of 1941 . . . an accumulation of ancient military equipment was charged to army supply records and had to be stored and hauled around every time the company moved, loaded into trucks and unloaded again, because there was no way to get rid of them. Officers thought there must be some prescribed procedure for disposing of obsolete military equipment, but no one knew what it was.

Capt. Joseph E. Cheek, Company I's commander, recalled that in the early thirties his infantry company on maneuvers had seen one of its pack mules stumble and fall down a hillside into a river and disappear in the current. While he regretted the loss of the mule, he was delighted to clear up his supply records by filing a report claiming that the load swept away in the river had included every piece of the company's equipment lost or stolen since 1918. If anyone had checked the report, they would have discovered that one spindly mule was carrying three tons.

David Brinkley

Washington Goes to War; Alfred A. Knopf, 1988

Love thine enemy. At least he doesn't borrow your gardening tools.

Samuel Rutherford, the Puritan preacher, put it this way:
"The devil's war is better than the devil's peace. Suspect dumb holiness. When the dog is kept out of doors he howls to be let in again."

Look out for Satan!

Shakespeare said, "The devil hath power to assume a pleasing shape."

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Satan's schemes

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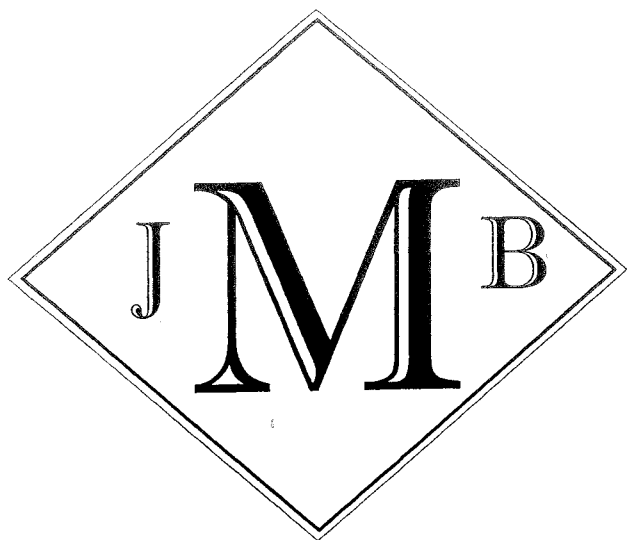
*'Take your stand against the devil's **schemes**' (Eph. 6:11)*

Martyn Lloyd-Jones reckoned that the greatest delusion perpetrated by the devil is the belief that he no longer exists. Aldous Huxley was no believer in God, but he said this of the devil: 'Few people now believe in the devil; but very many enjoy behaving as their ancestors behaved when the Fiend was a reality as unquestionable as his Opposite Number.'

Satan is sly by definition and he devotes all his attentions to creating chaos. The Bible calls him 'angel of light' (2 Corinthians 11:14), 'god of this age' (2 Corinthians 4:4), 'ruler of the kingdom of the air' (Ephesians 2:2) and 'the prince of this world' (John 14:30). He is also compared with some very dangerous inhabitants of the animal kingdom: 'serpent' (Genesis 3:4), and 'lion' (1 Peter 5:8).

In Ephesians 6:11 Paul describes Satan as a schemer. Christians are warned to combat the 'devil's schemes'. The word used here for 'schemes' is *methodeia*. Satan is a master of methods to trip up unsuspecting saints. In English the word 'method' is relatively neutral, but the Greeks imputed to it a uniformly negative meaning. Used relatively infrequently even in Greek literature, the word was often linked with the devil. It appears only in one other Bible verse, Ephesians 4:14. There Paul charges the Ephesians to grow up and avoid 'the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming'.

It is not the schemes which I wish to emphasize, but the schemer, Satan himself. From Wartburg Martin Luther lamented, 'I can tell you in this idle solitude there are a thousand battles with Satan.'¹ John Calvin concurred with Luther on this point (if not on many others): 'Being forewarned



THE WHOLE ARMOR

Eph 6:13-18

Puton & leave on

Enl - put on - active

I. A sure route to disrupted morale is ill-egpt. troops.

A. Tell of Korean reaction to short training & summer clothes.

1) Hurts you & lose faith in superiors.

II. Christian perfectly egpt. Note his armor.

A. Hoins dirt about with truth.

1. Girdle held clothing tight, brace, "pockets" for knives.

2. Similar to our belt, ~~could you fight~~ command military.

3. Christian girding is truth.

a) Must know word - fight & hold up pants at sometime?

b) Must personally be open & honest, sincere

1) We rationalize - Baptist say "Enjoyed sermon"

2) Won't accept truth because someone wins victory - woe to preacher, submit to God.

3) Goes all the way round - not like dickie blouse.

4. Tell of show clipping.

B. Breast plate of Righteousness

1. Armor that covered vital organs

2. R. broad - summed as knowledge of salvation from past sins plus fact present life must bear testimony we are bought.

Idy 3:7 "Little children, let no man deceive you"

3. Note union in knowledge (girdle) & application (br. plate)

C. Feet shod with the preparation of gospel of peace

1. Feet protected else couldn't resist, pursue or retreat. Creates used to stand. Courage & Promptitude

2. Christian is shod for service - not house slipper staid

a Preparation - readiness - what have we done - our pt

Mind steeled by news of God is for us - keep as firm

7. Note of peace, yet in war, in the old armor

D. Shield of faith. must be 3rd - Gal 1, Rev 12:1, 13:1

1. Oblong, door shaped, 4' x 2 1/2', covers all body, wood covered with shaved hides, army march behind.
2. Christian shield is faith - destroys doubt & despair. "Ye shall be able" (if have shield) not "might be". Resist Satan with it. 1 Pet 5:9. ^{He wants many damned with him.}
3. Comes by hearing - shows in convictions. Reflect in your prayers, giving, etc. ^{faith in all the promises.} Tell Maurice Hill story.
4. Resist fiery darts - a real enemy - inflaming lust, pride, revenge - might come in middle of help

E. Helmet of salvation ^{Exercise}

1. Head covering with embossed figure.
2. Christian knows he's obeyed, hopes for future. Rom 2:7 "To them who by patient continuance in"
3. Salvation clipping.

F. Sword of Spirit.

- See clip "Fighting off along the line"

1. Literal work familiar
2. Word of God - must acknowledge its inspiration
3. Use skillfully & effectively. Dec by Paraphy

G. Where is armor for retreat? ↓

H. Praying always - General & Special Sleeplessness (watch)
Must be kept & also have courage in unremitting

Used Bethel 12/3/50
Schochak 10/8/51
Preston 10/12/51
Sycamore Chapel 9/17/52

Bethany 8/30/53 New Johnsonville 9/4/51
Athens Ala 9/13/53
Bethel (Abelton) 10/7/53
Minneapolis 10/22/53
New Brown Hills 3/7/54
Riverside - Wichita 8/11/54
West End 2/9/58
Jordan Chapel 7/12/61
S. Hampton 8/14/61

20th CC Story

I. 1st thanx for supper!

A. Bride burned dinner #1

B. E-led you escaped flu

1. Ever had measles #2

2. Cough sounds better #3

II. 20th CC started 1938

A. Young graduates

B. Name drew criticism

C. JP ~~editor~~, Tiner Sub. & Benton giver

D. I was not in group

1. So old Dead Sea just sick when 2 boy

2. So Baird - 1947 C WMM

a) Hi cost living - \$75 per wk #4 #5

b) Cemetery lots up - blame cost of living

III. DHC Library, steps, move.

IV. Bot on G. W.

A. Lit. oddities

1. W^m Goat - Antedote - Extinguish

2. 3 to 5% chance of touite #6

3. Rustler - can't swim #7

4. Ad #100 per 1" - 6' 4" #8

B. Mark head & Fd.

1. Ears pierced while you wait #9
2. Any alligator? Shark's seen #10

V. Power via Batsell - named
by SP

VI. All the good - a little hurt
as we can.

A. Press Button #11

B. Horse good time, Shoulder
harness #12

Heels box 1/2/92

LAME EXCUSES

Two men went to a baseball game on Wednesday night. After a while they remembered it was prayer-meeting night. The countenance of one of the men fell. His conscience prodded him severely. He had forgotten that it was prayer-meeting night. After a moment he felt better about it, for he said, "Oh well, I could not have gone anyway, because my little boy is very sick."

THERE'S A PLACE IN THE RANKS FOR YOU!

A soldier in the war between the States lost his place in his company, and rather timidly said to General Lee, as he came up behind the line, "Where shall I step in?" "Step in? Step in anywhere, there is fighting all along the line."

And that is precisely true of the great warfare to which you and I belong. Step in anywhere and work and fight for God.

--Via "Th

J. R. McInteer

MORTAL WOUND

Recently the story was told about Satan's attack on a Christian. First he shot a poisonous dart at his heel, but the Christian was unharmed because he had his feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Satan's next attempt was at his loins, but the Christian repelled this because he had his loins girt about with truth. Unsuccessfully, the devil tried a shot at his breast, but there was the breastplate of righteousness. The Christian knocked away another shot with his shield of faith, and his helmet of salvation deflected another. But the devil, not being easily discouraged slipped around behind the Christian and shot him in the pocket in which his billfold was carried, killing him as dead as could be.

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WHAT GOD CAN DO

Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it, and make it worth sixty thousand dollars. **THAT IS TALENT.**

Rockefeller could sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth millions. **THAT IS CAPITAL.**

Uncle Sam can take an ounce of gold and stamp an eagle on it, and make it worth twenty dollars. **THAT IS MONEY.**

A mechanic can take material worth five dollars and make it into an article worth fifty dollars. **THAT IS SKILL.**

A merchant can buy an article for eighty cents, put it on his counter and sell it for a dollar. **THAT IS BUSINESS.**

GOD CAN TAKE A WORTHLESS, SINFUL LIFE, wash it, cleanse it in the blood of Jesus, put His spirit within it, and make it a blessing to humanity. **THAT IS SALVATION.**

From P.C. This beginning

1. V-10

Finally - now the last passage
Strong - our might in Christ. By faith it becomes ours. To be strong our duty; weak our sin.

2. V-11

Armour - life's a battlefield. God, for aggression & protect. gives armor.
Need whole
Wiles - not open nor fair enemy
Formidable - world rules of dark
Host of wicked in heav. places

3. V-13

Done All - not as well as neighbor, nor on the whole, but do all.
have nothing undone that contributes to battle.
Stand - two (V-13) the end, V-14 the start of battle.

